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University chiefs warn on cuts

Students to face £300 entrance fee

By David Charter, education correspondent

UNIVERSITIES are to abandon their commitment to the principle of free higher education and impose a £300 entry fee under plans disclosed last

Vice-chancellors said that after six years of funding cuts and the doubling of student rolls, they had no alternative but to seek a fresh source of cash to safeguard standards.

Under the proposals published yesterday by Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, about 140,000 of the 270,000 students starting higher education next year would have to pay £300 before being admitted to lectures. Those qualifying for full

grants would be exempt. The charge, which would generate £42 million, will be considered by the leaders of all 105 universities on Friday and if it is approved, governing bodies will decide how to polytechnics are likely to oppose the idea, however, fear-

ing that it will deter students. Last night the proposal met furious opposition from students and politicians. Gillian Shephard condemned it as unneccessary and the Education Department urged universities to seek more cash from the private sector.

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Bryan Davies, Labour's higher education spokesman said: "Universities are not prepared to abandon quality, so we face top-up tuition fees. Labour does not believe such fees are a sustainable or equitable answer to the funding crisis, but we recognise that the blame lies squarely with the Government."

Students expressed outrage and said they would resist the plan. Jim Murphy, president of the National Union of Students said: "This would have a severe impact on access to education, particularly for students from poorer back-grounds and mature students. We do not blame the vicechancellors for being angry and for looking for drastic solutions to what has become a crisis, but we do not think finding money from students

The Association of University Teachers said a signingon fee set a dangerous precedent. David Triesman, general secretary, said: Once this form of top-up lee is introduced, it will become permanent. It will remove from the Government any need to create a more viable funding system." He called for a Royal Commission to investigate other methods of financ-

ing higher education. But Professor Gareth Roberts, the Sheffield University the committee that is calling for the charge, said a national. flat-race fee was preferable to the alternative of individual



'Wonderful news: Timothy's failed his entrance exam

By MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Engineer bomb dis-

posal experts yesterday

worked their way "inch by

inch" through a minefield and

thick snow to reach three

British soldiers killed by a

land-mine in northwest Bos-

nia-Herzegovina on Sunday.

The dangerous mission in-

volved the most primitive

form of mine-searching as the

Sparian armoured vehicle,

which was destroyed in the

explosion, had veered off the

tarmac road into an un-

marked minefield. Ammuni-

universities setting their figure to top up the tuition fees paid directly by the Government.

Professor Roberts said: "We are very proud of the higher education system in this country and in order to preserve it we have no alternative. We have had to endure five years of cuts and have the prospect of three years more after the Budget. It is a question of 'enough is enough'.

We are pleading with all the political parties to recog nise we need more money. If they do not contribute from the public purse, the only way around it is to find students contributing themselves.

Yesterday's proposal flects the sense of betrayal felt by universities. Since 1989, they have doubled student numbers in line with government policy, but over the same period, funding has been cut by 28 per cent per student. duced income by a further 7per cent, with another 6 per cent cut planned for 1997-98.

An entry fee would make up only about a third of this year's £107 million cut in capital funding. Vice-chancellors may also withdraw staff from a range of outside work. including quality assessment, but not external marking.

Vice-chancellors would withdraw their threat if next November's Budget halted the cuts scheduled for 1997 and restored some of the money lost this year. Universities also want a

commitment to the reform of student funding by 1999. They would prefer to see students contributing to their education with loans that would be repaid through the tax system once their incomes reached a



Detective Superintendent Tony Rogers, who is leading the inquiry, with a photofit of the rape suspect

'Protected' woman is raped

By STEPHEN FARRELL

A WOMAN placed under police protection after a man stalked her for five months suffered a two-hour rape ordeal at his hands in her home. The married mother in her thirties was so terrified by the

attack two weeks ago that she was unable to give the police a full account of her ordeal for several days.

Cambridgeshire police said vesterday that they were "comfortable with the level of protection she had been given and the Police Complaints Authority said it had no plans to look into the case. But Women Against Rape, a lobby group that offers advice to women under threat, called

for an independent inquiry. The woman's ordeal began last September when the man, who called himself Chuck, approached her as she drank

morning coffee in a hotel near Huntingdon. She rejected his advances, thinking he was simply being friendly. After that, he followed her from work to her home near Huntingdon, watched her house, wrote threatening letters and made nuisance telephone

calls, some threatening. On December 17, as she returned from Christmas shopping, he attacked her as she unloaded bags from her car. She dropped the bags, breaking her Christmas presents, and confronted him. only to be punched in the She made contact with the

head, suffering a bad cut. police for the first time. However, she continued to see him watching her around Huntingdon over Christmas and the new year. On one occasion he pulled up behind her with-

in seconds of her car breaking down and offered to help. He drove an old blue Vauxhall Cavalier with a Y in the registration number and was a passenger in a dark off-road

Detective Superintendent Tony Rogers, who is leading the inquiry, said: "She spotted the man on several occasions in Huntingdon, once as he was leaving a town centre bookmaker, on another occasion when he was with a woman walking a black dog.

"On neither occasion did the man speak to her. However, on January to the woman was at home around lunchtime when the same man entered her home and carried out a sexual attack on her which I can only describe as frenzied. As he left, he said he would kill her if she contacted us."

The woman was taken to hospital and it was more than a week before she could tell officers what had happened to her. Mr Rogers said she had been given protection and had been told that she should not be alone. He said he could not disclose the exact nature of the protection offered, saying only that it was thought to be

appropriate for a stalker. All the police would say was that her home had been fitted with some security equipment, which was thought to be working at the time of the rape; but she had not been given round-the-clock protection, "We took the necessary security measures to try to protect her," Mr Rogers said. We were happy with the arrangements and so was she. The only complaint she has

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Insults fly as parties bicker over crime

By PHILLP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR and the Labour leadership traded furious insults about their records on law and order last night, with Tony Blair accusing the Conservatives of wanting to light the next general election in the

A prolonged Commons al-tercation between Michael Heseltine and John Prescott over the Deputy Prime Minister's claim that Labour was the villain's friend was followed last night by a speech from the Prime Minister in which he accused Labour of opposing almost every tough action the Government had taken on crime.

Mr Blair, who was at the same time delivering a speech at Southwark Cathedral about improving educational stan-dards, said that while Labour wanted to dehate the future of Britain, the Tories were gear-ing up for a "nasty, personalised, negative" campaign. He said the Tories had created the "Bladerunner scenario" of Hollywood movies by driving the poor into viclent ghettos as the rich retreated into fortresses policed by private guards.

Mr Major used his lecture to a Tory audience in London to extend his charge of hypocrisy against Labour from edu-

But the clashes over crime provoked anger in the criminal justice system last night Mary Honeyball, the genera secretary of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation. said: "Bickering about who is, and who isn't the victims' besi friend turns a serious issue into a meaningless contest about who can be most punitive towards offenders. Tory and Labour MPs are reducing one of the most vital policy issues to the level of a playground shouting match."

Mr Major declared that law

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France to end Pacific tests

President Jacques Chirac announced an end to France's nuclear weapon tests in the South Pacific last night after six underground blasts in the past five months. In a short elevised statement, he said France would take initiatives on disarmament and European defence in the coming



tion stored in the Spartan also

factions admitting to having placed mines in that spot, the small team of Sappers from 49 Field Squadron EOD had no alternative but to probe the ground on their hands and knees for other plastic mines. The usual method, called hand-breaching, is to use a fibreglass rod or a bayonet to prod the earth. Snow made the task even more hazardous.

Although the British force of 13,000 troops has a large contingent of Royal Engineers, they have not come equipped with sophisticated mine-clearing equipment, such as the huge armoured bulldozers used in the Gulf War. The Dayton peace agreement which ended the war

makes the warring parties responsible for mine-clearing. Last night, after an operation lasting the whole day, the three bodies and the Spartan vehicle were recovered.

The Spartan, a compara-

tively lightweight armoured vehicle of about eight tonnes, ran over a mine designed to cripple a 60-tonne tank. like the British Challenger which is also in Bosnia. Spartans are supposed to have an advantage over the heavier vehicles because they are designed for high mobility and have a low weight ratio: they apply a pressure of only 2.2 lbs on any one spot as they proceed. However, the mine was believed to be a Yugoslav-made

Soldiers reach bodies in minefield TMRP-6 anti-tank device which contains more than 11 lbs of high explosive. Buried beneath the surface, it has a single pressure point which normally protrudes. In this

case, however, it was concealed by the snow. The Croats, Muslims and Serbs would all have had access to mines of this type. The minefield is in an area previously occupied by the Serbs which was over-run by Muslim/Croat Federation troops in the last weeks of war.

The Spartan was travelling along a road 15 miles south of the town of Mrkonjic Grad in Continued on page 5, col 2

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Lottery winners go back to work

Thirty-three staff from Camden Council's Homeless Persons Unit in North London who shared a EIO million lottery win at the weekend all reported for work yesterday. Two other individual £10 million winners also said they would return to work.

Tube fire award

Ron Lipsius, a musician who was badly burnt in the King's Cross Underground fire in which 31 people died, was awarded £650,000 in agreed High Court Page 6 damages...

National Grid wins power cuts battle

By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent 3,000 Mw higher than nor-

ELECTRICITY workers last night worked flat-out to avert power cuts in the face of a predicted record high demand. With temperatures across

Britain rising slightly and nearly all power stations on standby, the National Grid said it had more than met peak demand during the crucial hour of 5pm to 6pm. There had been fears that, with Arctic-style weather gripping Britain, electricity demand last night would neak at

more than 49,000 megawatts

in England and

mal. But a spokesman for National Grid said they had asked generators to bring enough stations on line to meet the heavy demand. About 80 households in Abertillery, Gwent, were cut

off yesterday morning when a

generator failed. A spokesman for the London Weather Centre said temperatures today and tomorrow would be slightly warmer than yesterday.

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Fun in the House, no fun for the homeless

A Mars may contain primitive forms of life. Jacques Arnold (C, Gravesend), scrapping yesterday with John Prescott, demonstrated that the House of Commons already does. Batten down the hatches: we must prepare for much more of this. Ascending the stairs at Westminster yesterday, your sketchwriter met a group of excited colleagues descending. "You missed Hezza!" they cried.

The Deputy PM had been on the warpath in the Chamber against Labour's alleged double standards. He had been in fine form. Apparently I missed "hypocrisy" and "ac-celerated hypocrisy". It was said a colleague, at the same

THE Government has bowed

to protests from police and

opposition politicians for clear

legal controls over MI5's new role in fighting organised crime. Ministers will today

announce changes to the Security Service Bill, making it

clear that MI5 will only operate in tackling gangs and drug

dealing in support of police.

The amendment will be

tabled as the Bill, which gives the security service a role in

top level policing, begins its detailed scrutiny by Commons

committees. It is likely to

remain in the vanguard in the fight against organised crime.

follows widespread anxiety among MPs that police prima-

Earlier this month, chief

constables at a private confer-

ence expressed fears that MI5

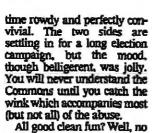
would be beyond police scruti-ny and accountability. There has been a flurry of high level

contacts between the Home

Office, police and opposition

cy might be undermined.

receive all-party support. The amendment, which clarifies that the 43 police forces in England and Wales



Heseltine and Prescott for a half-hour Monday curtainraiser. Star Wars fans would liken it to a spat between Han Solo and his Wookie. True, MPs and their audience learnt nothing at Ques-

evil is done by putting up

tions, but we were at least entertained: and the new mood says something, I suppose, about the Opposition's new brittleness and the Gov-



POLITICAL SKETCH

confidence. "Nobody," said Heseltine to Peter Mandelson (that Darth Vader of the Labour modernisers) "has brought a greater professional skill to the debasement of British political life than you." Harmless stuff. But after Questions the jousting continued. The afternoon's business was the second reading of the Housing Bill John Gummer, the Environment Secretary (the Cabinet's R2D2 to John Major's C3PO) opened the debate. It is

the only full debate the Bill

measure of accountability for MI5 operations and that the

security service will be "tasked" by police.

One senior police source said yesterday: "The Home

Office was surprised at the

degree of concern on this

matter. Clearly attempts are

being made to defuse it. They

are moving ground, coming

round in a territorial war between MI5 and the police.

Since the end of the Cold War.

MI5 has been looking for new

work to avoid budget cuts and

Two years ago there were battles within Whitehall over

the decision to give M15 the

lead role in terrorist intelli-

gence. With the ceasefire in

Northern Ireland, MI5 faced

the loss of more work and

argued its expertise in long-

term analysis would be vital in

fighting organised crime.

redundancies.

The dispute is the latest

will receive. Mr Gummer spoke about the Bill itself for about 30 seconds. Then he launched into an attack on Labour for its opposition, 17 years ago, to the "right-to-buy" legislation. They "say one thing, then do another". yapped Gummer, doubtless under orders to maintain the Tories "hypocrisy" theme in any way he could.

Labour began to yap in reply, feeding a gratified Mr Gummer's sense of personal significance. His yaps intensified. Why had Labour promhousing, yet failed to deliver it? Why were they dissimulating over their proposals for releasing the receipts of council

"He's misleading the House," growled Frank Dobson, the Opposition's chief environment spokesman, but he was ordered by Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, to "He's made it up!" yapped

Dobson. "I haven't!" yapped "I hope we can get to the second reading of this Bill. actually," sighed Miss Booth-

Some hope. Gummer now tried to nip the Liberal Democrats' Simon Hughes in the

calf, with quotations from a leaked Liberal document criticising their own policies. Then he took another bite at Labour, menacing Glenda Jackson (Hampstead and Highgate) whose complaint against the merging of multiple housing waiting lists into a single list appeared to be that this would

result in a longer list. "Wrong again!" yapped Dobson at Gummer.

"Oh no. I'm afraid you're wrong." yapped Gummer.
"Giggling oafs," said Dobson
of the Tory benches . . .

And so it continued, on an exceptionally cold afternoon. Up on the Strand in their cardboard boxes, the homeless will have feft it. What a way to debate a

Labour unlikely to appeal over shortlists

Labour's National Executive Committee is expected to decide tomorrow not to appeal against a Leeds industrial tribunal's ruling that the party's all-women shortlists for

parliamentary candidates are illegal. Tony Blair is believed to have received legal advice, after the tribunal produced its full written judgement last

week, that the party has little chance of winning an appeal. The Labour leadership is expected to recommend that the party should not appeal.

Several NEC members are likely to assert that that would amount to ditching the aim of achieving equal representation in the House of Comments. resentation in the House of Commons. Harriet Harman, who has led calls for an appeal, is expected to argue that the 14 constituencies who had been expected to draw up all-women shortlists should still be encouraged to do so.

PM's Ulster pledge

John Major will today try to reassure nationalists in Northern Ireland that an elected body would not be Unionist-dominated. He will tell John Hume, the SDLP leader, that the plan would be implemented only with the agreement of all parties. But the Prime Minister will say that the proposals are workable and he will try to quash any flurest of a nationalist boycott of elections.

[1] The Government is to end the 23-year ban on emonstrations in Trafalgar Square over Ulster.

Keays action considered

The Official Solicitor is considering whether action should be taken against newspapers in the wake of coverage naming Sara Keays and her daughter in spite of a High Court "gagging" order. A spokesman for Peter Harris, who represented the interests of Ms Keays's daughter when the courts imposed the order in 1993, said that Mr Harris was reviewing press coverage and was "considering his position". The Official Solicitor has power to bring contempt of court proceedings.

Care scheme criticised

Care in the community is so badly organised that it wastes Care in the community is so badly organised that it wastes both money and resources and inevitably causes tragedies, according to a report issued today by four of the housing associations most involved in looking after valuerable people. Calling for the National Audit Office to examine the aims and value for money of community care, the report says the government departments involved are so poorly co-ordinated it is impossible to deliver services effectively to those who most need them.

Bearded ex-Wren wins

A bearded former Wren aged 53, from Kent, won leave to seek a judicial review of a decision by the Registrar of Births. Deaths and Marriages; refusing to allow him to be re-registered as a man after undergoing "gender re-assignment" treatment. At present, regulations in Britain prevent birth certificates being amended. Two male-to-female applicants are bringing similar test cases. Lawyers say that the interpretation of the law is out of step with current medical knowledge.

Island school call

Islanders on Graemsay, the least accessible of the inhabited Orkney Islands, are campaigning to save their school which currently has only one pupil. Kevin Pepper. faces a daily trip on a new regular ferry service across Scapa Flow to the Stromness school on the Orkney mainland if the school closes. Officials from Orkney Islands Council have to cut £356,000 from the education budget. They are to meet tomorrow to debate the possible closure of the school which costs £45,000 to run.

Women damage jet

A £12 million Hawk jet, due to be sold to the Indonesian Government, was severely damaged yesterday when three women broke into the British Aerospace testing centre at Warton, Lancashire. The women, who were being questioned by police last night, said they were protesting at arms sales to Indonesia. They claimed they had spent two hours damaging the Hawk with hammers and went undetected until they telephoned a news agency to report

Scottish meat jobs go

One of Scotland's leading meat producers called in the liquidators yesterday blaming the health scare over BSE for its loss of business. The closure of Buchan Meat Producers Ltd, based in Turriff, Grampian, will mean the loss of at least 250 jobs. Alex Salmond, the leader of the Scottish National Party, said the closure was a catastrophic blow to the local economy. "Job losses on this scale in a small community are equivalent to the loss of thousands of jobs in an urban conurbation."

RAF jobs at risk

Up to 400 RAF flight-simulator technicians are expected to lose their jobs in September at Lossiemouth and Kinloss in Grampian, Leeming in North Yorkshire, Valley in Anglescy and Marham and Coltishall in Norfolk, when their work is privatised. The RAF hopes that a significant number will be re-employed by the contractor. A formal announcement is expected shortly. Dr John Reid, Labour's defence spokesman, accused the MoD of short-term thinking.

Murder suspect held

A 19-year-old student was being questioned yesterday by detectives investigating the rape and murder of Claire Hood, a 15-year-old girl whose body was found in woodland near her Cardiff bome last January. He is from the bousing estate where Claire lived. Forensic scientists have the killer's genetic "fingerprint" but police refuse to say whether the student was among about 2,000 local men who provided blood samples for DNA testing last year.

Winning photographer

Adrian Brooks, a photographer for The Times, was named last night as the winner of the features category in the 1995 British Picture Editors' Awards. More than 8.000 pictures were entered for the awards, which are the major accolades for British press photograhers. Mr Brooks, 32, entered a portfolio depicting the plight of young victims of the war in Afghanistan. The awards ceremony was held at Guildhall, central London.

Burglar freed over juror

A man jailed for 33 months in Stoke-on-Trent for burglary and assault on police was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday because one of the jury was the son of a court usher who had been regularly calling him as standin if the jury panel was one short. Antony Longworth, representing Frederick Salt, 25, said the usher's son had become "a professional juror" and was wrongly a part of the machinery of justice.

Protests secure amendment to Bill Police assured of primacy over MI5 in fighting crime wanted the Bill to read that the service would act in support of One draft amendment drawn up by the Home Office "the police and other law was rejected by police as not enforcement agencies". being clear enough. Today's amendment is intended to reassure Parliament that MIS Police also want it made clear that there will be some

Lord and Lady Spencer: back together in a new home, but for how long?

Spencers reunite to leave Althorp for South Africa

BY EMMA WILKINS AND JOANNA PITMAN

EARL SPENCER, brother of the Princess of Wales, has moved to South Africa with his family after a demanding year running the family estate in Northamptonshire.

Lord Spencer, 31, has found a new home in Constantia, a prosperous suburb of Cape Town. His wife, Victoria, 29, who has received treatment for depression, will share the house while their four children settle into schools.

couple, who separated in April, are attempting a permanent reconciliation. They are both devoted to their children Kitty. 5, the three-year-old twins Eliza and Katya, and Louis, 22 months.

While fond of Althorp, the 121-room house where the Princess of Wales spent her childhood, Lord Spencer partly blames the duties of running the estate for the disintegration of his marriage. It is unlikely that he would completely sever his links with Althorp by selling the house and its 13,000 acres of farmland. The tax bill following a sale of the £89 million estate would be huge. A further obtacle is that part of his inheritance is controlled by

family trustees. Lord Spencer had planned to spend the early years of his marriage travelling across America. The couple's intentions changed when his wife became pregnant with their first child and they settled in the Falconry, a house on the Althorp estate.

The death of his father in 1992 curtailed Lord Spencer's abiding dreams of travelling abroad. He took on the estate. redecorated the house and tried to establish a market for

corporate hospitality.

The house, which is avail-

able for contributes to rent at 63,500 a day, is run by David Horton-Pawkess, a corporate hospitality extent, and the estate is run by an experienced land

The Earl of Leicester, one of the estate trustees, said that Lord Spencer had experienced a tough year and deserved an extended break.

Constantia is a small pocket still embodying the white man's dream, a Promised Land of wealth, health and beauty where black people spend their lives working silently and gratefully to make the lives of whites more comfortable.

With the Atlantic Ocean on one side and on the other vineyards and ranches against a background of wild hills, the effect is Beverly Hills and the Rockies rolled into one.

Earl Spencer's neighbours in-clude Mark Thatcher and Wilbur Smith, the writer.

Parties bicker over crime Continued from page 1 eas, such as raising maximum une sense on the manuscript sentences and giving police of market speech to accuse the policy of th

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other law enforcement agen-

Democrat home affairs spokesman, said last night: "It

is absolutely crucial it is made

clear that police are in overall

charge. It is the key issue. The

take no operation in fighting

organised crime without the

explicit authority of the police

and another law enforcement

agency."
The Bill, presented last mouth, said that "it shall also

be the function of the Service

to act in support of the

prevention and detection of

crime". The wording alarmed

police chiefs who were not

reassured by statements from

Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, that this would be

enough to give police primacy

security service should under-

cies, such as Customs. Alan Beith, the Liberal

divorced from its actions. While Mr Blair spoke about being "tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime", the Tories believed that being tough on crime meant being tough on the criminal.

Stopping short of Mr Heseltine's accusation on Sunday repeated yesterday by the Home Secretary - that Labour was "on the side of the villain". Mr Major listed ar-

where Labour had been opposed. "Day by day, Labour show themselves in their real colours ... it's the colour of envy and hypocrisy." He chal-lenged Labour to back the

tougher sentencing proposals.
The row overshadowed Mr schools and on to standards. In the Commons, Mr Heselmore than doubled in real

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Blair's attempt to move the education debate away from the future of the grammar

risy". But Mr Prescott said that since the Tories took office, burglary had increased by 160 per cent. "That's the real Tory record." Mr Heseltine retorted that spending on law and order had

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Police hunt rapist

Continued from page 1 made is against the rapist. It is not the time now to have an inquiry into our methods. The time now is to catch this man.

The attack was planned, depraved and one of the most violent I have seen in many years as a detective. This man is extremely dangerous. He has harassed, stalked and now brutally raped one woman, leaving her life in pieces.

"It has taken some time for our officers to get all the details from her. She has been badly injured and she had been badly traumatised. He must be caught before he has a chance to do this to another woman. We were confident we had got the appropriate police response and we were confident as well that we would ultimately find who was reponsible," he said.

Sergeant Heather Thompson, one of the police officers

counselling the victim, said: "I am hopeful that with professional help she will be able to overcome this and that she will be able to pick up her life

with her children." The police said that the attacker spoke with a local accent and told the victim that his interests included sport, football and drinking beer. He is aged 28 to 30, six foot

tall, of medium build with dark brown eyes, surrounded by laughter lines, and brown shoulder-length hair in a layered style. He wore blue jeans and a white polo shirt, blue round-neck pullover, grey training shoes and an earring

Detectives know he likes to play slot machines and spends some mornings socialising in local hotels, particularly on Sunday mornings. He may have some association with singles chubs in the area.

September: stalker first approaches woman in hotel in Huntingdon area. She rejects his advances. He calls himself Chuck, has local accent and says his interests are sport and

September-December: follows her home and to work, telephones and sends letters, some threatening. She does not tell police. December 17: man attacks her after following her to her

house north of Huntingdon. She confronts him. He punches ber, causing a "nasty" cut. She tells police for first time, who give her protection.

Christmas-New Year: she sees him several times around Huntingdon, once with a woman walking a black dog. Also sees him driving an old, blue Vauxball Cavalier with a Y in

the registration and as a passenger in a blue or black fourwheel-drive off-road vehicle. ■ January 16, lunchtime: he rapes her at home in a fremied attack, spending up to two hours in house. She reports attack immediately.

■ January 16-29: woman takes a few days to give a clear account. Police try to trace the attacker without publicising

■ January 29: police release first details of the tupe and say they are "comfortable" with the level of protection. Artist's impression is issued. Attacker described as aged 28 to 30, 6ft. medium build, brown eyes and brown, shoulder-length hair, crinkled face. He wore blue jeans, white polo shirt, blue pullover and grey training shoes. Earring in left ear.

Level of protection depends on budget

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

tailor protection measures according to the needs of victims, the level of threat and budget restrictions. Fewer than 30 people receive 24-hour protection by teams of armed officers. These are members of the Royal Family and VIPs whose lives are guarded by Scotland Yard officers at a cost of more than £50 million a year.

Witnesses who are prepared to give Queen's evidence or jurors in sensitive cases will be guarded round the clock. In some cases witnesses have been moved to safe houses. Police have also organised changes of identity for key informants who have given court evidence. They will be given help to find new homes

POLICE commanders try to and work, and will have the telephone number of a police officer.

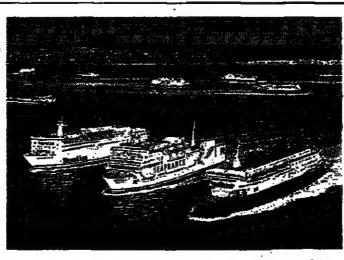
When a member of the public faces a threat, cash-strapped local forces will be more circumspect. An officer may be placed on guard, but only for a short period. They may give the potential victim a home alarm linked to a police station.

The alarm is usually placed prominently in the house so that the victim can reach it quickly. Sometimes the alarms will also include a klaxon or a piercing sound to scare the attacker off. If the threat is rated as very low, police will give reassurance, which might involve extra pa-trols at night or provision of a special police telephone

Calais begins with sea...

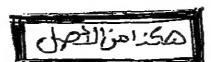
RELAX and just cruise across from Dover to Calais the shortest sea route to France. Large, luxurious car ferries with shops, restaurants and entertainment on board, plus hovercraft, provide rapid, comfortable crossings with a departure every thirty minutes. Fast on and off loading on both sides of the Channel helps to speed your journey. Instant motorway access from Calais port provides an open door to the entire

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This is rewarding too, say £10 m lottery winners keeping their jobs to help homeless

The millionaire life? We are working on it

THIRTY-THREE council workers who shared a £10 million National Lottery win at the weekend all turned up for work yesterday, helping

Across the country, two individual £10 million winners - a male nurse and an accounts clerk - both also said they would be continuing their jobs.

Members of the council syndicate from Camden-Council's Homeless Persons unit in North London will each receive £304,724. Two said they would buy new homes for themselves. Most refused to talk about the win, but four women members. came forward to dispel reports that they would all

ment officer, said: "We are all very committed to our jobs. It's very stressful, but our clients need us, and it can be very rewarding."

Asked whether any would be donating some of their winnings to the homeless, Mrs West said: "We will have to wait and see, but charity begins at home. I have a family and a brother in Canada who could do with

The unit manager, Chris-tine Winter, added: "We are all still thinking about what we are going to do with it. It



Jackie Greene: not planning to resign

council's leader, Richard Arthur, said: "We are thrilled for all the staff. There couldn't be a more deserving group, and we're delighted they're all at work today, which underlines their dedication."

He took the opportunity oto add: "It is a little ironic that the E10 million win is half as big again as the £6.8 million Government capital allocation this year to deal with the huge task of renovating all the council's property, including 29,000 homes and more than

Mrs West, who lives in London, and is married with two grown-up children and a grandson, said: "I will be buying a new house, a new car, and my whole family will

Camden so I won't have so far to travel to work. My husband isn't keen, though, because he hates moving." Maria Martinez, 40, a visit-

London with her 15-year-old daughter, Arantxa, but originally came from Madrid said: "I think I'm going to do something outrageous like a bungee jump. I'll also be going to see my family in Spain and I am happy that I will now be able to give my daughter a good education."

Philomena Kelly, a 39-year-old assessment officer, who is married with three young sons, said: "I just want to clear my bills "

Most of the syndicate - 27 women and six men - met on Sunday for a champagne celebration. Mrs Winter said: There were a lot of tears, and we all toasted each other's good health. But there was no doubt in any of our minds that we were going to turn up The group began playing

autumn, and chose 33 lines which they pay for 26 weeks in advance. Miss Martinez said: "We started off collecting money every week, but on subscription."

the lottery by subscription last

them did not like the press Only seven members of staff declined to join the syndicate at the very beginning, and they were said by

The perfect antidote to the Monday morning feeling for Margery West, Philomena Kelly, Christine Winter and Maria Martinez

lutely delighted" for their homeless clients were also in a congratulatory mood yesterday, despite their predicament, according to Mrs "They were very lated us. Although some of

attention very much." Staff in the unit, which deals with more than 2,000

people a year, were highly commended early this year by the Cabinet Office and awarded a Charter Mark in recognition of high standards and efficiency.

The £40 million rollover jackpot was shared four ways. One winner, Jackie Greene, is the niece of Michael Le Vell. who plays Kevin Webster in ITV's Coronation Street. She said: "I have a large family and am planning to sort them Oldham, Greater Manchester, said that after she learnt of her win "I went straight home and rang all my family and they came around. Then I rang my uncle Mike and he suggested I go to a hotel. We had champagne and room service. I didn't

"sleep that night." Miss Greene plans to return to ber job in accounts at a motor dealer's. "I am not going to resign. They would be a bit stuck if I walked out."

John McGuinness, 32, a won the third £10,055,900 share. He said he was thinking of going back to work at Law Hospital in Strathclyde, where he is a theatre nurse, but has been

"I need to do something with my time. I can't just sit around," said Mr McGuinness, of Shotts, near Glasgow. Since his marriage lived with his parents in their one-bedroom house and slept on a lilo. He admitted that he had no plans for how to spend the money but simply wanted to make sure his family was

His daughter Lauren, 7 who lives with his estranged wife Hazel, told him she wanted a present for £25 but she hadn't told him exactly

The fourth ticket holder is

Pilot of charter jet carrying 220 dies at controls

By Edward Owen in madrid and Dominic Kennedy

A PILOT collapsed and died with a suspected heart attack as he was preparing to land a jet with 220 British holidaymakers on board at Malaga in

Roger Attenborough, 54, was lining up the Boeing 757 in poor weather for the landing. The first officer was id took the let down while an air hostess gave heart massage to the captain. The passengers on the Sunday night Britannia Airways charter flight BY476A from Luton were unaware what was hap-

pening in the cockpit. Air traffic controllers arranged for an ambulance to be waiting when the plane touched down, but Mr Attenborough was dead on arrival at hospital in Torremolinos.

The first officer was yesterday preparing a flight report to be sent to the Civil Aviation

Authority.
The CAA insists medicals for commercial pilots every six months. Britannia Airways said captains aged over 40 had their hearts tested with an electrocardiograph every year, and over 50 twice a year. Mr Attenborough passed his last test in September. He lived in Kempston, Bedfordshire, with his wife Nikki and sons Royd and Gordon. He joined the airline in 1969 and had been a captain for 20 years.

Royd Attenborough, 25; a trained pilot, said: "The only consolation is that he died flying. He lived for his flying, it was all he ever wanted to do all his life. He died doing what he loved.

"Dad passed all his sixmonth medicals with flying colours. Fortunately he died with no risk to the passengers thanks to the professionalism and training of his co-pilot."
Paco Esteban, duty manag-

er at Malaga airport, said yesterday: "Fifteen minutes before it was due to land, we received a radio call from the Britannia Airways plane saying that the pilot was feeling ill. The co-pilot had taken over and an air hostess was giving the pilot heart massage. We immediately started an emergency drill and had an ambu-

lance waiting." A spokesman for the Clinica Santa Elena in Torremolinos said: "We think he had a heart attack. We informed the judicial authorities and there will

be an autopsy." One of the passengers, Elsie Jenner, from Lymington in Hampshire, was on her first flight when she heard an appeal for a doctor. "A woman did get up and go up front, but we did not know what was going on." she said from her hotel in Fuengirola.



Derek Jennings and Simon Brice, the farmer. The fruit is named after Dr Jennings's granddaughter. Terri-Louise

'Raspberry of the future' provides a juicy cash crop for its creator

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A BRITISH grower has succeeded in developing a rasp-berry twice as big and juicy as any of its rivals. The new variety is so impressive that Marks & Spencer has taken an exclusive contract on this year's crop, and promised to pay a 20 per cent premium above what it pays for other varieties. By November the fruit could selling for as much

as 200 a berry. Dr Derek Jennings. 66, known for creating the tayberry and now semi-retired, has named his new variety Terri-Louise, after his

granddaughter aged four. Terri-Louise raspberries more than seven

grams, compared with the four grams of the average raspberry. The new berry is a late-cropping variety, starting to bear fruit in September as other varieties begin to fade. In trials last year it was being picked under polythene as late as December 1.

Dr Jennings bred raspberries and other soft fruit for 32 years at the Scottish Crop Research Institute, near Dundee, and introduced varieties such as Glen Clova, Glen Moy and Glen Prosen, which have become standard. After retiring in 1989 he was taken into partnership by Simon Brice, a Kent fruit farmer keen to improve his crops and

extend his growing season.
"I was given a glasshouse

Mr Brice and Dr Jennings have also signed a contract with Sweetbrian, an American company which markets rasp-berries across the United

If the variety succeeds in trials at Sweethrian's farms in California, the two men will collect a royalty on every punnet sold. Dr Jennings said: "To produce a variety this size, with such sweet, perfumed flavour and fleshy, peach-like texture, is sheer good fortune. You do not eat Terri-Louise like an ordinary raspberry: you bite into it." Duncan Macintyre, Marks

& Spencer's head fruit buyer, growing on Simon Brice's farm we knew it was a surefire winner and we wanted it all to ourselves. It is the raspberry of the future, succulent, highly flavoured and, on average, double the size of any of its rivals. It has a quality which is worth paying

over the odds for." Dr Jennings, whose tay-berry is a cross between a raspberry and a blackberry, produced Terri-Louise by crossing his own Glen Moy variety with a later cropper called Autumn Bliss. Now Mr Brice has 25,000 plants, covering eight acres, and this autumn's crop could be be-tween 24 and 32 tonnes.

Teenage 'bride' will not be put in care, judge says

By Andrew Finkel in Kahramanmara's and Bill Frost

SARAH COOK, the 13-yearold who "married" an unemployed Turkish waiter she meton a family holiday, will not be placed in care if she returns home, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Attempting to reassure her, Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, made plain that the only concern es for the teems welfare. "I hope the emotional climate can be lowered for Sarah's own interests," he

Meanwhile, the girl toured the bazzaar in Kahramanmaras, the town in southeast Turkey where her husband is behind bars on a charge of statutory rape, looking for a wedding ring to give him on her next visit to the jail.

Sarah, from Braintree in Essex, was declared a ward of the High Court last Wednesday and she was ordered to return home immediately after her illegal marriage to 18year-old Musa Komeagac.

At a subsequent hearing yesterday, Sir Stephen said: In the light of certain reports which have been circulated, it is necessary to say that these are wardship proceedings and not care proceedings. Essex County Council has no present intention to take Sarah into care and away from her

parents. He said that Sarah should return to the jurisdiction to the court so that her "welfare can be properly considered". He added: "I would wish to say that wardship is not a procedure which represents any threat or application which might prejudice anybody. What is desired is to enable the court to further the welfare of Sarah and to ensure her olection.

The matter is adjourned while further inquiries are pursued. All this is being done in Sarah's own interests. It is not a procedure intended to accuse anybody of any wrongdoing at all. The purpose of wardship is to protect a minor.'

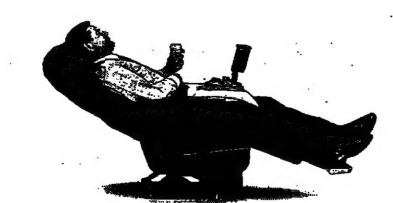
Sarah has so far refused to leave Turkey and in a public show of defiance recorded by local camera crews yesterday kissed the Koran to emphasise her love for the country. After two recent meetings with her husband she declared: "I love Musa, I love his family, I love this country. I don't want to go

Her mother Jackie, who travelled to Turkey last week, and senior British diplomats had tried to convince Sarah to leave after she was made a ward of court. However, it then emerged that the teenager is to be called as a witness when her husband's case comes before a local court on February 15.









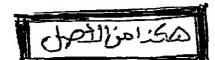


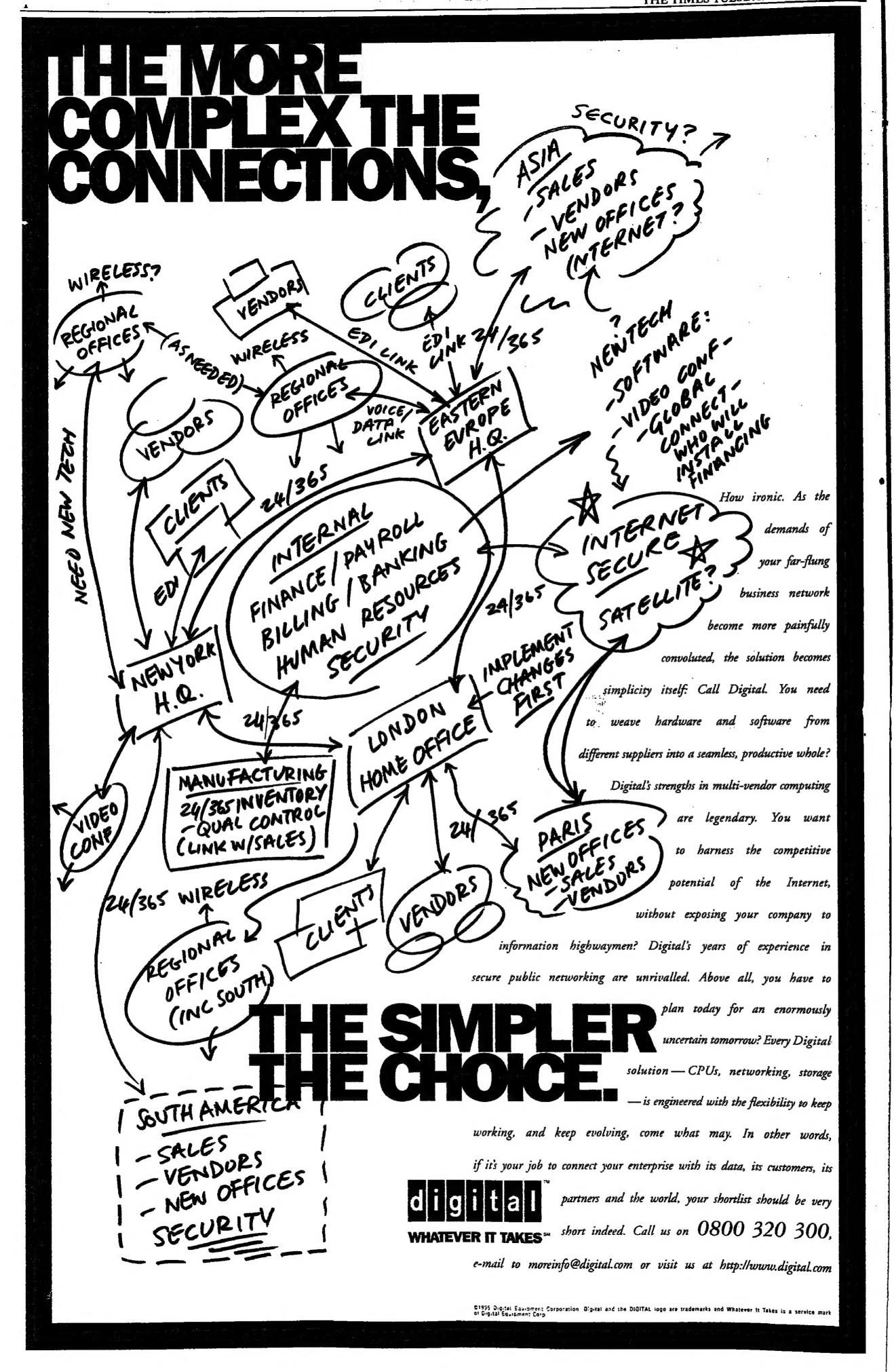
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Avebury grave comes to light after 5,000 years

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BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

CLUES to a burial mound dating from as long ago as 3,000 BC have been found inside the Neolithic henge and stone circle at Avebury in Wiltshire. The new discovery, at one of the world's most explored archaeological sites, is thought to have been brought to light by the effects of last year's long, hot summer. Archaeologists say that such a mound would be the burial place of

"high-status individual" and shows that the site could have been used for ritual purposes centuries before the henge was built. The individual would be a contemporary of the first Egyptian dynasty.

two concentric rings of yellow grass, between 20 and 25 metres in thought to be the remains of "ring ditches" marking the base perimeter of a burial mou

The discovery, described by the National Trust as "tremendously important", was made during general reconnaissance by archaeolo-gists from the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, based in Swindon. They were looking for "parch marks". areas of dried and yellow grass caused by the quicker draining of moisture through soil that has been dug up or disturbed in the past. The effect can still show up thousands of

photography unit, said: The pic-

last year. I did not expect to see anything new at Avebury as no parch marks had ever been seen inside the henge, which is one of the most studied sites in the world. It was not until I came to examine the pictures this month that I realised what was in them."

It is thought the freakishly hot weather last summer could have caused the parch marks to show up for the first time. The National Trust, which has owned the site since 1943, now plans to carry out a niques of the kind used to detect oil and minerals. Excavation would be considered only as a last resort.

The rings are the classical signature of a plough-levelled burial

The survey could give some idea of what, if anything, lies beneath. There is a parched blob at the centre which might indicate some kind of burial pit.

Chris Gingell, property manager for the trust, said: "This is a tremendously important discovery, the first of any major feature inside the existing ditch for more than 200 vears and the first monument inside the western half of the site."

The barrow could be centuries older than the previously known remains at Avebury, which date from around 2,450-2,200 BC and consist mainly of a massive circular earthwork, with a ten-metre ditch and the remnants of a circle of standing stones on its inner side.

parallel the remains of barrows elsewhere which are generally earlier than the henge and stone circle at Avebury. This suggests the site could already have been in use for ritual purposes before the henge

Avebury and Stonehenge, some 20 miles away, are jointly recognised by Unesco as a World Heritage Site. Many archaeologists hold Avebury to be the more impressive. This was also the view of John Aubrey, the 17th century antiquary who stumbled upon the remains while hawking. Avebury. he claimed, was "as much surpassing Stonehenge as a cathedral doth

Islanders will defy court over unpaid Skye tolls

SCOTIAND CORRESPONDENT

SKYE islanders summoned to court for not paying tolls for the new bridge from the mainland are to challenge the legality of the prosecutions. The first 187 protesters are

due at Dingwall Sheriff Court on February 9. A councillor, Drew Miller, faces 26 charges Streets Act 1991. The maximum penalty under the Act is

£1,000 for each offence. Robbie the Pict", a Scottish nationalist who has been active in the Skye and Kyle Against the Tolls campaign (Skat), said those appearing in court next month would plead not guilty and would challenge the competency of the charges, a move open to them

The protesters say about 2,000 drivers have crossed the bridge without paying the toll, claimed to be the highest in Europe, and that about one in 50 is refusing to do so. Many drivers who have paid have pledged to support Skat, cam-

paigners say.

About 60 members of Skat
mes Lord James Douglastransport minister, in Stirling yesterday. They said he told them the £5.20 stummer foll would stay and that there was no public money for the £25 million bridge. The Scottish Office says that bridge traffic is 13 per cent higher than that using the ferry in the same period last year.

Myrna Scott-Moncrieff, who runs Skat with her husband Gavin, the councillor for Staffin on Skye, said that she and at least ten others were prepared to go to jail if-

The February cases could prove a headache for court officials if all those charged turn up. The court would be expected to deal in one day with the equivalent of almost half its normal annual caseload. The courtroom seats only 80.

David Hingston, the procurator fiscal for the area, said he anticipated that some of those charged would state their position by letter. "Any pleas against the competency of the charge will be briefly heard and a date set for a full hearing," he said.

The protest has been supported by a high number of Skye's 9,000 residents, including doctors, ministers, councillors, teachers and others who have not broken the law

Two Portree teachers who set up the Isle of Skye Brewery Company with a government grant are giving the profits of and court costs of those opposed to the talls.

MoD told relatives of deaths hours after blast was seen on television

Families praise courage of Bosnia landmine victims

THE family of one of three lived with his wife of three soldiers killed in a Bosnian years, Tracy, 25. Trooper minefield learnt of his death four hours after watching news of the tragedy on

A letter from Trooper Andrew Ovington, in which he expressed his fears about hidden mines, arrived yesterday, the day after his Spartan amoured vehicle strayed into an unmarked minefield in northwest Bosnia. "It is almost as if he knew," his brother Graeme said. Lieutenant Richard Madden, 25, and Trooper John Kelly, 21, also

Trooper Ovington, 25, of Easington Colliery, Co Durham, was on his second tour of duty in Bosnia with the Light Dragoons. He was stationed in Hohne, Germany, where he

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be mine-free. None of the

warring parties had listed the minefield on data handed over

since the signing of the Day-

ton treaty. The minefield is in

a geographical area known as the "anvil" which is supposed

to be handed back by the

Muslim/Croat Federation to

British military sources said

that a reconnaissance patrol had recently driven down the

same road which links Gornii

Ribnik to the east and Bos

Petrovac to the west. The

Spartan, however, had come

off the road before it hit the

Royal Engineers units have

death. He was commanding the vehicle when it drove into years, Tracy, 25. Trooper Ovington's stepfather, Thomthe unmarked minefield in as Simpson, said the family had heard about the explosion The bachelor, also stationed on the evening news but had no idea whether he was in-

Andrew but we were left completely in the dark. "Andrew was such a great lad, always smiling. It didn't matter how bad the situation

volved. "We feared it might be

The Ministry of Defence said that it deeply regretted any delay but that it was important to confirm deaths before informing relatives. "In matters like these it is better to be slow and sure than quick and wrong."

Lieutenant Madden had celebrated news of his promotion to captain only days before his

are based, but otherwise have

relied on the warring parties to provide maps and remove

In the British-run sector,

minefields containing an esti-

mated 6-7 million mines. Some are sown in genuine

minefields in a set pattern, but

others are just scattered," a

None of the armoured vehi-

cles with the British force -

including Warriors, Saxons.

Challengers and Scimitars — is capable of surviving a land

mine unscathed. The Spartan

and its three or four-man crew

are particularly vulnerable.

British source said.

the devices.

Bodies recovered

in Hohne, spent Christmas

Somerset. His brother, Major David Madden, 30. a Gulf War veteran, said that the lieutenant had been proud to command soldiers in Bosnia: "He was doing a job which he really enjoyed doing and the family are very proud of him

Private John Kelly, of Sunderland, survived gun and mortar fire during his first tour in Bosnia during the war in 1994. He had returned two weeks ago as part of the Nato Implementation Force. His father, Dennis, 45, said:

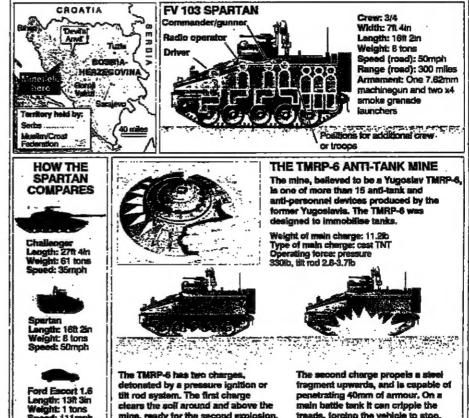
"He was shot at by snipers and came under mortar attack but at the end of it all he still came home. He never said he was worried about going back out there. It is hard to accept carried out mine clearances in that he has gone out in he is gone."
Mr Kelly had prepared a

parcel containing games, cards and sweets to send to his son. "John and his mates used to like to give sweets to the kiddies over there because they can't get them," he said. Michael Portilio, the Defence Secretary, expressed sadness at the deaths but said that the peace mission would continue. *Our servicemen in Bosnia are very brave and run these risks knowingly every day. Their courage in implementing the peace has saved many thousands of lives and their mission will continue."

Mr Portillo said.



The dead soldiers, from left: John Kelly, Richard Madden and Andrew Ovington



RAF types don't know their Arras from their Elbe Normandy invasion. And if I

RAF personnel are surprisingly ignorant of their service's glorious past, according to Ministry of Defence

They know of the Battle of Britain and the Gulf War, have probably heard of Douglas Bader, Guy Gibson and 617 Squadron, but know little or nothing of the aerial derring-do at Arras, Arnhem and Normandy, or the mass bombing of Germany in 1945. And it is only The Few who will know that the RAF,

currently part of a Nato force overflying Iraq, was operat-ing a similar mission in 1924. Ignorance of the RAF's 78year history came to light two



legendary RAF figures

years ago, when the ministry's Air Historical Branch sug-gested a possible change in the rules governing how many battle honours an RAF squadron could list on its

general rule was eight, and with those squadrons volved wishing to add the name of the Gulf War to their roll of honour, the flags were

We found that squadrons themselves knew little of their other honours, and were aware only of those emblazoned on the standard," Group Captain Ian Madelin, of the Air Historical Branch, said vesterday.

As a result this year's edition of the Air Force List, an annual publication which catalogues names and ranks of currently serving personnel, will for the first time enumerate each squadron's full battle honours. Many squadrons

records searched through dusty files only to discover that the people asking the questions, the MoD historians, were the only ones with

At the RAF's oldest station. Wittering in Cambridgeshire. home to the original 1 Squadron. Flight Lieutenant Bob Chalmers reeled off the list of hattle honours on the squadron standard: Western Front 1915-18, Ypres 1915, the Somme, the Battle of France 1939-40, the Battle of Britain, Fortress Europe 1941-44, France and Germany 1944-45, and the South Atlantic 1982.

Second World War. An MoD spokesman last night dismissed suggestions that the publication of squad-"Many people here don't ron battle honours was an attempt by Air Chief Marshal involved at Arnhem or the

tell them that this station was of the Air Staff, to improve the service's image and morale. first rented from the Burleigh estate by a Major Arthur Harris of the Royal Flying Corps in 1916, most of them ☐ The Ministry of Defence is considering buying an extra 50 Eurofighters, increasing Britain's purchase of the com have never heard of him in his later incarnation as Bomber bat aircraft to 300. The MoD Harris," Flight Lieutenant Chalmers said. Sir Arthur is committed to buying 250, at an overall cost of £14.9 billion. Harris headed Bomber Comto replace the Tornado F3 and Jaguar. But a further 50 Eurofighters, developed jointmand during the firestorm raids on Hamburg and the ly with Germany. Italy and River Elbe, on Dresden and Spain, may be ordered to came one of the most controreplace the Harrier GR7. versial military leaders of the

Last week Germany and Britain reached agreement on production of the fighter, which is due to come into service in 2002. Britain will undertake up to 38 per cent of the production work.

Teenagers are the poorest spellers since war

By JOHN O'LEARY

RECENT school-leavers are worse at spelling than any age group educated since the war.

according to a new survey.

Tests of 1,000 adults between the ages of 16 and 60 showed that only the simplest words, such as "have" and "my" were spelt correctly by everyone. One in 12 could do little more than fill in their name and address when given a straightforward form.

In the first such large-scale comparison, the Basic Skills Agency said many young people were ruling themselves out of the labour market through their poor spelling. The unemployed were 50 per cent more likely to make mistakes than those in work.

The verdict confirmed findings by industrialists, who reported yesterday that many teenagers lacked the initiative, determination and self-discipline to hold down a job. The Industry in Education group said schools could be producing an "unemployable generation". A survey of 50 big employers and 175 young people cast doubt on the value of that schools did little to develop essential personal qualities.

More than half of those aged between 16 and 24 could not spell "necessary" and almost three-quarters were de-feated by "accommodation". the Basic Skills Agency found.
Those who had been at primary school in the progressive heyday of the 1960's were among the best spellers.

In punctuation tests, more than a quarter of those surveyed could not insert full stops and capital letters in two simple sentences. In a more advanced passage, almost half could not place a single item of punctuation correctly.

Women fared better than men throughout the survey. carried out last summer.

Alan Wells, the agency's director, said that having apparently "taken their eve off the ball" over basic skills, many schools had now reintroduced spelling bees. "It's not too much to expect that everyone should have a good grasp of spelling and punctuation."

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Occasionally	59	52
Accommodation	72	64

Prisoner with razor raped visitor as warders watched

By A STAFF REPORTER

PRISON officers watched helplessly as a convict threatened a visitor with a razor blade and raped her, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. When officers finally rushed

into the room made available for the special visit, he slashed the woman's throat four times. exposing her laryax, the prosecution said.

Nicholas Fryers, 28, was allowed the two-hour supervised visit at Wormwood Scrubs in a room like those used by barristers visiting clients. When a prison officer said that time was up. Fryers said that he wanted to em-

brace the woman... "It was a cold and cynical

Smyth, for the prosecution, said. "He had been nursing a hidden razor blade and was waiting for his moment to DOUNCE.

Fryers spun the woman round, holding the blade at her neck. He shouted for the door to be locked and a probation officer supervising the visit was taken outside.

"A number of prison officers were looking in through the windows wondering what to do," Mr Smyth said. The woman was instructed to lie on the floor. She thought that she was going to be killed. "As she lay on her side, he raped her, keeping the blade by her neck to enforce his demands."

Mr Smyth said that normally when a prisoner was armed, staff would have exercise to get her close armed, staff would have enough to attack her." Stephen thought the reasonable thing

to do was to talk the prisoner round. But they were faced with a rape. A deputy governor arrived and it was agreed that the incident had to be stopped. The door was unlocked and officers rushed into the room.

*But before they reached Fryers he did what he had threatened and cut her throat. fortunately missing the jugular vein. The woman received three cuts to the front of her neck and one at the back which were sewn up by the prison doctor.

When interviewed later. Fryers said: "I admit I had sex, but I asked her first." He said that he had not meant to injure the woman.

Fryers denies rape and wounding with intent. The case continues.

CORRECTIONS

☐ An editing error in Credo (January 27) resulted in an article by the Bishop of Basingstoke, Dr Geoffrey Rowell, reversing the sense of what he had written. The penultimate paragraph should have read: The Church of England report, The Mystery of Salvation, was right to affirm that we deny the fullness of the love of God revealed in Christ, if we deny the truth and the goodness which Christ, as Logos, as God by the Spirit, can also inspire in those of other faiths and of none"." We apologise for the mistake.

☐ The Metropolitan Police paid a total of £44,000 damages (not £90,000 as stated in a report, January 26) without admission of liabilty to three people following an incident in London's West End.

☐ The director of the first episode of the ITV series Thief Takers was Colin Gregg, not Tom Clegg (Preview, January 25).

The recent opening of the 4-star Hilton Hotel 7 nights from £620.00 including 3 nights at the 4-star Hilton Hotel at the oasis Red

in Nuweiba now makes it possible to combine the fascinating sites of St Catherine's Monastery, and city of Petra. Our journey commences with a 3-night stay on

Sinai's Red Sea coast at the Coral Hilton Hotel at Nuweiba. From here we pay a visit to both St Catherine's and the Coloured Canyon with time for relaxation before taking the ferry service to Agaba and onwards to Petra for four nights. Resides the 4-star Hilton at Nuwciba, accommodation has been reserved at the 4-star Forum Hotel in Petra. The journey concludes with a drive across the newly-opened border to Ovda (up to May) for the return flight to London Gatwick. The Monastery of St Catherine has altracted pilgrims since AD 337 when the Empress Helera, mother of Constantine, ordered the building of a sanctuary around the site of the Burning Bush. Its spectacular setting at the foot of Mt Sinai adds to the solitude and mystery of the site.

Petra was lost to the world after a change in well stablished trading routes but was re-discovered Since then, the area, 'half as old as time', has been a magnet for generations of travellers wishing to see and experience a truly unique city.

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Musician who has endured eight years of pain condemns 'wicked' London Transport

King's Cross fire victim bitter at £650,000 award

A MUSICIAN who was badly burnt in the King's Cross Underground fire, in which 31 people died, was yesterday awarded £650,000 in agreed High Court damages.

Ron Lipsius, 39, who played the guitar and hoped to be a composer of advertising jingles, had endured "a vision of hell". his counsel said. He suffered dreadful injuries to his hands as he used them to protect his face.

After the settlement, Mr Lipsius, furious that he had had to fight for more than eight years and been offered much less money than he had expected, said London Transport was a "wicked organisa-

Time heals but you do not forget the hurt." he said. "I hate London Transport for the accumulative incompetence that caused the hell on earth in 1987. They've shown no remorse. They have no good will. People were maimed and killed and they threw the

survivors to the legal sharks." Mr Lipsius, a father of three young children, has undergone is operations and years of pain since the fire in November 1987. One of the operations had to be carried out without anaesthetic. He faces at least ten more operations. His severe post-traumatic stress led to continuing depression, for which he is still

being treated. Mr Lipsius said he would use the money to help to build a recording studio at his home. Now, instead of the guitar, which he can no longer play, he works with an electric keyboard. "My plans are still

in music. That's what I do." The payment to Mr Lipsius, of Hammersmith, west London, is almost twice as much as the previous highest award



Ron Lipsius in hospital after the 1987 King's Cross fire

of daily doses of painkillers

before he could begin

physiotherapy. On the night of the fire, Mr

Lipsius was travelling on an

Underground train with a

friend's mother, Natalie Falco.

who died. He escaped because

he knew the station and man-

aged to grope his way to one of

of £375,616, paid to Mahendra Parmar, 45, a ticket collector who had stayed to help passengers to escape the inferno. It was the 84th case to arise from the tragedy and there are three still outstanding. The total paid by London Regional Transport, which admitted li-ability for the purpose of yesterday's action, stands at

more than £4 million. As surgeons at University scribed heroin. He had years of life but the "supreme tragedy" was that he wanted more than that. American-born. he had gained the equivalent of a first-class degree in music in New York and had good contacts in the advertising Mr Justice Butterfield, ap-

proving the award, said: "His recovery, partial and incomplete as it is, is quite plainly a tribute to the skill of the doctors who treated him, the support of his family and, above all, the dogged determination of Mr Lipsius himself." The judge added: "In one

sense, no money can compensate him for the devastating injuries and dreadful posttraumatic stress disorder consequences of the nightmare of this fire. It is plain he showed great bravery and endurance in seeking to rebuild his shattered life. His hopes for a future in the music industry

have been destroyed." Judge Butterfield said the settlement represented a realistic interpretation of the loss and damages suffered set against the uncertainties of the litigation in the action.

After the hearing, Mr Lipsius, who was accompanied by his wife Sally, said he was disappointed by the award. "My life and career have been ruined. I was hoping for a lot more, but it is a risky business and you just have to settle for less or go through an incredible amount of stress and maybe get less."

For London Transport, Patricia Dryden, head of the litigation department, said: "We amount for Mr Lipsius has now been settled and wish



Mr Lipsius and his wife Sally at the High Court yesterday. He was awarded agreed damages after having endured a "vision of hell" and 18 operations

Colin Mackay, QC, his counsel, said the enormously skilful and, of necessity, ag-College Hospital struggled to both him and his family all the save his hands, Mr Lipsius gressive treatment Mr Lipsius best for the future. We are sorry that Mr Lipsius was injured in the King's Cross fire." suffered such severe pain he had received at the hospital saved his hands to a remark-able degree. He could use was, for eight weeks, pre-

Joman wins £82,000 for RSI By A Staff Reporter

A TYPIST has been awarded a record £82,000 damages for repetitive strain injury she sustained while working for the Inland Revenue. Kathleen Tovey, 48, was retired on medical grounds two years ago

upper limb disorder. ford and Worcester, who had worked as an audio typist since 1986 and is categorised as 30 per cent disabled, was diagnosed as suffering from tenosynovitis, a repetitive strain injury (RSI), in 1990. She said it had affected every aspect of her life. "I can't work. I can't do proper housework. I can't garden, carry shopping, have a bath, and even getting dressed is difficult."

Mrs Tovey, from Redditch, Here-

She is delighted with the dam-

ages, which were agreed in an outof-court settlement before the case was due to be heard at Birmingham County Court in October, but which were not announced until yesterday. 'I've been able to buy things to make my life easier, such as a food processor and a dishwasher.

Richard Langton, Mrs Tove solicitor and a senior partner in the Birmingham firm of Russell Jones & Walker, said yesterday that the award would end doubts about the existence of RS1. "There has been too much speculation that this condition does not exist except in the minds of avaricious plaintiffs. An award of this magnitude proves that the condition is genuine."

The announcement of Mrs Tovey's award was delayed until the successful outcome of negotiations for a ground-breaking compensabetween the Inland Revenue and the Public Services, Taxation and Commerce Union. The scheme follows a series of actions by sufferers which failed because of conflicting medical

Mr Langton said: "We have been egotiating a settlement for all employees of the Inland Revenue so that they will all get compensation if they suffer from RSI without the need for lengthy and expensive

He added: "Of course, there has to be medical evidence to substantiate the claim, but if a medical disorder is proved then the claim will be settled. It takes away the courtroom lottery that determines whether or not a claimant gets compensation and ensures the money is paid to victims, not to lawyers,

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE family of a woman blinded in a car accident blame the tyre-maker Dunlop for her injuries, the High Court was told yesterday. Susan Carroll was in the front passenger seat of her family's Austin Princess her husband Alan and two children, Catherine and Stephen, as they drove on the M4. near Swindon. Wiltshire, on the first day of

their summer holiday in 1988. A Ford Cortina on the opposite side of the motorway suffered a tyre blow-out and crashed through a gap in the central reservation. colliding head-on with the Carrolls' car, the court was told. Lolita Barciay, 12, who was in the Cortina, which was being driven to a wedding, was killed.

The Carroll family, from

Wantage, Oxfordshire, are suing Dunlop, who made the seven year old Radial SP4 tyre, at well as Lunday Fearon, the dilyer, and

Family sue Dunlop over crash

Alexander Bent, its owner. John Crowley, QUE for the Carrolls, told the High Court, sitting at Oxford, that the tyre showed poor cord bonding between the tread and the steel inside the tyre. "It looks as if Dunlop were aware that in the normal service life you could get looseness leading to separation as well as unacceptable levels of corrosion if you had a penetration or puncture." Mr Crow-

They ought to have taken steps to warn people and withdraw the SP4 from then onwards. It was the tyre tread separation from the rest of the tyre which caused the catastrophe." That could have been

caused by poor manufacture or by bad maintenance, he said. The tyre had been badly repaired after a

The other rear tyre was well below its correct inflation level. "The inference is the tyre which burst was certainly under-inflated for a full load with fast speeds on the motorway. Mr Bent, who was in the vehicle, should have better maintained the tyres. Mr Crowley said. "It was a ropey-looking tyre." He should have had it changed."

In two other actions being heard by Judge Mellor, QC, at the same time, Mr Fearon is suing Dunlop and Mr Bent, and the two other passengers in the Cortina, Astrid Barclay and Delroy Bent, 14, are suing Dunlop. Dunlop contests the claims. The case is expected to last

BBC to produce

everyday story of Romanian folk

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

mocracy and private enter-prise into the former eastern

made by the BBC World Service and broadcast from Bucharest twice a week from

The BBC yesterday began a search for experienced British soap opera writers and producers to work on the Romanian-language programme. Kari Blackburn, of the World Service, said that hints on business management, economic reform and private enterprise were likely to be incorporated into the saga. about an everyday Romanian

ROMANIA is soon to have its

first radio soap opera, based on Radio 4's The Archers.

family. "Romania has imported television soaps from places like Mexico but there is nothing that reflects the lives of its own people. This soap is being developed as a form of 'edutainment' for people who might not otherwise tune into educa-

tional programmes," she said. The idea for the programme came directly from The Archers, which was conceived in post-war Britain as a device by which farmers could be fed agricultural news and advice

to beost food production. The seeds for The Archers were sown in 1948 at a meeting between farming representa-tives and the BBC. One farmer suggested a drama-based approach to agricultural topics, modelled on the popular radio crime thriller Dick Barton.

up the challenge and in 1951 The Archers, based in the fictional village of Ambridge, made its debut.

Ms Blackburn is hoping to recruit people who have worked on The Archers and television soaps such as East-Enders and Coronation Street to work on the Romanian programme. The series is part of a World Service project known as the Marshall Plan of the Mind, a name echoing America's post-war aid to Europe. The aim of the project, which has funding from the Foreign Office, the European Union and charities, is to help people in former communist bloc countries adapt to modern ways.

A similar project in Russia launched three years ago, attracts daily audiences of up to ten million. House Seven, Entrance 4 was created by Liz Rigby, former editor of The Archers, and is set in a housing block.

Tory MP cleared of driving charge

A senior Tory MP was cleared yesterday of a careless driving charge brought after another motorist complained about his driving. Sir Peter Emery, MP for Honiton, Devon, denied driving without due care and attention last March

from Sian Cooper, Exmouth, claimed his Jaguar was too close to her and that he "alarmed" an oncoming driver when he pulled out. She claimed Sir Peter tried

to overtake her as she left a roundabout and felt she was being "pushed along" by his car. She was so concerned she asked her 11-year-old son Stewart to note the number of

Sir Peter, 69, said the magistrates' decision was "the right and proper verdict".

Footballer held

The Liverpool footballer Neil Ruddock was arrested after his Porsche left the road on the Formby bypass near South-port and overturned, police said. The accident happened on Sunday night and the driver had gone by the time police arrived at the scene. The 27-year-old defender, who said he was not the driver and that the car had been stolen, was released without charge.

Jimmy's expands

A £50 million wing with 246 beds is to be built with private funds at St James's Hospital in Leeds, better known as Jimmy's. The project is the biggest NHS development approved so far under the Gov-ernment's Private Finance Initiative. The wing, which is due for completion in 1998, includes 166 children's beds and will create an estimated

Daewoo recall

The Korean car manufacturer Daewoo is recalling up to 8,000 of its vehicles, including dozens given free to motorists to test-drive for a year. Wiring faults have been discovered on its Nexia model, which could cause a fire in the engine compartment. Customers are asked to ring Daewoo's freephone number. 060606. Repairs should take only an hour.

Boy's torment

A man was convicted of cruelty to a two-year-old boy and causing him grievous bodily harm with intent in a case the judge said was "almost in the category of torture". Parrick Grant, 29, of Paddington, London, was jailed for five years by Southwark Crown Court. The jury was told Grant sub-jected the boy to "appalling acts" over a period of six hours one night last August.

River power

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, turned on lights at St Joseph's primary school in Wandsworth, southwest London, powered by a water turbine. The £70,000 turbine is driven by the River Wandle and linked to the school by a £10,000 cable. Mr exciting and brings home the importance of this kind of environmental issue."

Sting in tail

A police car chasing five masked men in a stolen vehide in Sheffield fell foul of a Stinger, a chain of spikes thrown down by other officers and intended for their quarry. All the tyres of the police car were punctured and the suspects escaped. Inspector Peter Darling said: "We are not dealing with an exact science. More often than not we sting the right vehicle."

Triple birthday

Charles Stonadge upheld a family tradition as he drew his farter breath — he, his father Jeff and his grandmother were all born on the same date. Mr Stonadge, 30, of Bedale, North Yorkshire. said: "When he turns 18 in 2014, I'll become 50 and my mum will turn 80. What a party we'll have then." Charles's mother, Nichola, Radio, page 40 gave birth 50 minutes after midnight on January 23.



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How man was beaten to Mars — by bacteria

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

MARS may contain primitive forms of life similar to those which existed on Earth more than three billion years ago. and the two planets may even have "seeded" each other. according to scientists meeting

in London this week. A new phase of space exploration is about to begin to investigate the possibility of life on Mars, which would greatly increase the statistical chance of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.

There is "a significant possibility" that bacteria which survive in extreme conditions could be found, says Professor Malcolm Walter of Macquarie University in Australia, who will chair a symposium of the Ciba Foundation.

The Viking spacecraft which landed on Mars 20 years ago found no sign of life, but since then a huge range of primitive bacteria have been discovered on Earth. living around the vents of suboceanic volcanoes or deep beneath the surface in oil reserves. Known 25 excremophiles, they can survive at SOC or more, and represent a survival from the earliest life on Earth. Either now or in the past, Mars could

have had similar bacteria. A spacecraft to be launched this year by Nasa is expected to land on Mars in July 1997. Dr Jack Farmer of the agency's Ames Research Centre said the landing place, at the end of a huge channel called the Ares Vallis outflow. had been chosen to match the kind of places where extremophiles were found on Earth. The channels are thought to have

been created by outflows of water from the planet's interi-or. If primitive life evolved on Mars but then died out, fossils of bacteria may be found. Scientists will not know for sure until rocks are brought back by another mission in about 2005. The odds are that if life did

emerge it remained at a primitive level, since the planet has lacked liquid surface water for two billion years. If Mars does have life, it may be hard to find. "If it is hundreds of metres below the surface. we may have to want for manned exploration before we can drill hols deep enough." said Dr Farmer. That is unlikely before 2020.

The symposium is titled The evolution of hydrothermal ecosystems on Earth land Mars?). Among those present, Professor Paul Davies, of the University of Adelaide, says it is even possible that bacteria had been transported between the planets by meteorites. Every year, about 500 tons of

Mars lands on Earth.

This is mostly dust, but one piece was large enough to kill a dog in Nakhla. Egypt, in 1911. Such chunks are broken off by the impact of asteroids on the surface of Mars Undoubtedly, similar pieces of Earth have reached Mars in the past. Could such meteorhes carry bacteria between the planets? "Inside rocks, bacteria might remain viable as spores for millions of years." said Professor Davies. "It is possible Mars was seeded with life from the Earth, or the Earth from Mars."



Navy sacks Wren over **Ecstasy**

A WREN who bought an Estasy tablet for her sailor boyfriend to improve their sex life was dismissed the service yesterday. A court martial was told

that Radio Operator Elizabeth Pearson, 23, obtained a tablet for Francis Craig when be told her it would improve sex. She was ordered to be detained for 60 days and j deprived of a good-conduct badge. The Portsmouth hearing

was told that Pearson and Craig were staying in bedand breakfast accommodation in Somerset on a weekend in 1992. Pearson, who was stationed at HMS Heron airbase. Yeovilton, admitted obtaining a tablet from a

offences, crumbled it into Captain Malcolm Shirley. president of the court martial, said: "Quite simply, drug abuse is not acceptable in the Royal Navy.

civilian friend. Craig, who has since been jailed for drug

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Heseltine hits new low with charge of Labour villainy

n the American mid-term elections in 1990, two of the Democratic (yes. Demo-cratic) candidates for Governor of Texas, one a former Governor and the other the current Attorney-General, put out competing advertisements about which had authorised or been present at more executions. On one of the television spots, the candidate was shown walking in front of large photographs of those executed imost of whom were black). As Ann Richards, their successful rival, noted, there seemed to be a

competition about who had killed

more fellow Texans. Is British

politics about to descend to such

depths? Michael Heseltine is never knowingly undersold in his political gibes. But even by his knockabout standards, his weekend claim that Labour is "on the side of the villain" strikes a new low. It was compounded by a demeaning exchange of statistics by both main parties during Deputy Prime Minister's Questions yesterday. Rival claims about spending and recorded crime figures merely show the limited influence which any government has in this area.

The Tory attack is a classic exercise in guilt by association:

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that because Labour had not supported some of the Government's law and order measures, it was therefore on the side of the criminal. By the same token. several leading judges could be said to be on the side of the villain since they have opposed, or been highly sceptical about, many of these measures. It is nonsense to define being tough on law and order solely in terms of backing government crime Bills when many have been

There is a serious debate about what government actions can help reduce crime, and about the balance between toughness and civil liberties. It is fair to claim that during the 1980s Labour did not put enough emphasis on punishing crime, as opposed to its social causes. Its record was patchy. Some big city Labour local au-thorities, though fewer than in the 1980s, have been hostile to the police. Even then the proper criticism was that Labour did not back its anti-crime intentions with actions, not that it was in any way

highly contentious within the legal on the side of the villain, as opposed to the victim. But to describe Labour now in these terms is a grotesque travesty. It fails to recognise the shift of approach since 1992 under, first, Tony Blair and, more recently, Jack Straw (who has personally

tackled muggers). Instead of the empty taunts of the past two days, politicians would be better advised to look at practical ways in which crime has been reduced and criminals have been caught. Despite the big rise in recorded crime since 1979, the Government deserves credit for some of its measures, which can be judged alongside Labour's recent thirds of what Mr Major said

John Major put the Tory case in less hysterical terms in his CPC Jubilee lecture last night. But even if his language was more re-strained than his deputy's, there were similar flaws. There are legitimate questions about Labour's past record, but Mr Major's claim that a big philo-sophical gap exists with Mr Blair is unconvincing. The Labour leader accepts as much as the Prime Minister that crime is a matter of individual choice which cannot be explained away by social factors.

Mr Blair would accept two

about the nature of crime, punishment and the role of schools. though he would put more stress on community ties. In his own speech in Southwark Cathedral last night, Mr Blair talked about personal responsibility, individual obligations as well as rights, and the importance of children learning self and mutual respect and right from wrong within the family. Labour needs to spell out more what this means in practice. But the Tories will find Mr Blair an elusive target.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair plans inner-city homework centres

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR government would set up a national network of centres where pupils could do their homework out of school hours. Tony Blair announced last night.

In a speech that focused on renemes to help raise standards in inner-city schools, the Labour leader said that many children lacked space at home to study. He also proposed new incentives for teachers and a fast track for bright pupils.

Labour has aiready laid plans for a homework contract that would be signed by parents. Primary school children would be expected to do 30 minutes per day, and those in

secondary school 90 minutes. But Mr Blair intends to ensure that this can be done in places where the television is not blaring in the background. Addressing local business and community leaders at South-wark Cathedral, he said: "I want to look at how we can organise and fund a national network of pre-school and after-school homework centres around the country, to ensure that throughout the population learning is not confined to school hours."

The centres, which would be spective of their ages.

based in schools, youth and community centres, or even empty residential flats in inner-city areas, would be supervised by retired people. voluntary groups or teachers. They would be set up by local education authorities, or individual schools, in conjuction

with voluntary organisations. Although Mr Blair hopes that in time every pupil would have access to a homework centre, the first are expected to be set up in inner cities. Party sources made clear that the three initiatives he announced yesterday were aimed particularly at improving inner-city schools, where standards are often lower than elsewhere.

His proposals follow Lab-our MPs' criticism of the standard of many schools in inner London during the row over Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school. Earlier Mr Blair said that Labour had no intention of mounting "a ven-detta" against Britain's 160 grammar schools. Last night he confirmed that he intended to set up a fast track in comprehensive schools to enable children of the same ability to learn together, irre-



Mr Blair and Labour's Hemsworth by-election candidate. Jon Trickett, left, at a school in the constitutency yesterday

"This does not mean 12-year-olds suddenly becoming sixth-formers, but it does mean bright children being stretched instead of being bored in subjects where they have particular aptitude," he said. He also reaffirmed Labour's support for streaming children within the same age group for specific subjects.

Mr Blair oudined plans to improve teaching in inner cities by announcing incentives for teachers. Labour is expected to provide more opportunities for promotion for teachers prepared to work in provide more places for its new grade of advanced-skill teachers in inner-city schools. Sabbaticals "to help recharge batteries" would also

be given to teachers working in deprived schools. "I want to given incentives.

see the best teachers contributing to the revival of our most difficult schools," he said. Head teachers will also be In a separate section. Mr Blair disclosed new plans to give housing tenants greater

rights. Tenants should be involved in every stage of design, building and maintethe inner cities, and is likely to nance of housing estates. Bud-

gets should be devolved to estate level so that tenants could organise their own repairs, he suggested. Develop-ing his stakeholding theme he suggested that everyone should have a stake in housing, education, employment and the community.

He devoted much of his speech to the need "to reinvent community for a modern world". Painting a bleak picture of modern Britain, he said that the country lacked drive and common purpose and that people believed that fair play was a thing of the past.

They believe that values of

being spurned. They see that a culture of responsibility and mutuality is being eroded." he said. "I believe the loss of a sense of community, of being bound to more than a narrow definition of self-interest, prevents us realising our full potential as individuals.

"People are not separate economic actors competing in the marketplace of life. They are citizens of a community. Britain is simply stronger as a team than a tellection of

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Townend favourite to lead 92 Group

THATCHERITE Tories are preparing to retain their hold over the party's main backbench grouping.
Tomorrow they will nomi-

nate John Townend as chairman of the right-wing 92 Group in succession to Sir George Gardiner, who is stepping down after II years in the post. Mr Townend, 61, a critic of Government policy on Europe and the economy, is a close ally of Sir George, 60. whose conspiratorial manner has led ministers to dub him the "prince of darkness".

Despite rumours of a rival candidate from the "establishment Right", Mr Townend, MP for Bridlington, could win the chairmanship without a fight. The indications yester-day were that loyalists, who rallied strongly to John Major's side in the leadership election, were drawing back

from forcing a contest. They are understood to believe that a power struggle could deal a fresh blow to fragile Tory unity and that they stand little chance of halting Mr Townend, a combative Thatcherite who has the hierarchy of the 92 Group.

Arrangements for an elec-tion will be discussed tonight at a private dinner open to all 105 MPs in the 92 Group. Six other posts will also be filled by a secret ballot of members, to be concluded on February 9. Nominations close on Friday.

Councils to close 'nuisance hostels'

By JAMES LANDALE

LOCAL authorities are to be given tough new powers to shut benefit hostels that disrupt surrounding neighbour-hoods, the Government

announced yesterday.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said that councils would also be given tougher powers to prevent new "nuisance hostels" opening. The move, announced in the Commons during the second reading of the Housing Bill, will go some way towards reassuring Tory MPs with seaside constituencies. Many say that the rising number of former hotels and guest houses being used as cheap bedsits is damaging the

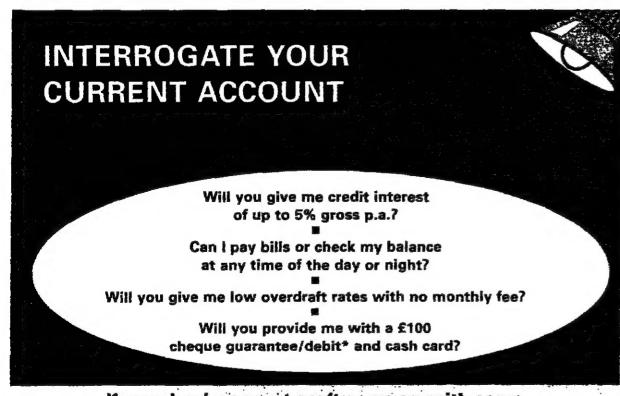
tourist industry.
Frank Dobson, Shadow
Environment Secretary, condemned the Bill, saying it would do nothing to improve the living conditions of fam-ilies forced to live in sub-standard housing.

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Mission seeks to unravel mystery of lost explorer

to solve one of the great mysteries of exploration, the disappearance of Colonel Percy Fawcett in the Amazon jungle more than 70 years

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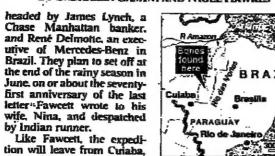
A 16-man expedition led by a New York banker and a Brazilian businessman is to set out in June to search for the remains of Colonel Fawcett, who never returned from a search for a "lost city" in the Mato Grosso with his

son. Jack, and friend, Raleigh Rimell, in April, 1925. Stories and legends about Fawcett abound, most of them highly implausible. The most likely explanation for his disappearance is that he fell among unfriendly Cala-palo Indians who killed him and his companions: But;... numerous expeditions over : happened to Colonel Fawcett. the years have so far failed to: whether he died at the hands find convincing evidence of . of an Indian tribe or other-

expedition is:



Colonel Fawcett on horseback, shortly before he set out on his search for a "lost city" in 1925



at least £120,000 and will be supported by donations from ten large Brazilian and US

Fawcett, who was born in Torquay in 1867, caught the South American exploration bug when he helped the Bolivian Government survey tween 1906 and 1909. After serving with distinction in the First World War and winning the DSO, he resolved to return to the Amazon in search of a lost civilisation in the heart of the green hell" of the jungle.

After his first attempt failed, when his companions fell ill, he set off again in 1925. with Indian bearers and guides. When his letters topped, there was no immediate anxiety. He was an

After a year of silence, however, concern grew. In 1927, a mining engineer re-ported meeting a white man in the jungle who showed no wish to return to civilisation. From this grew one legend: that Fawcett, disillusioned by his experiences in the war, had turned his back on England and resolved to the middle of Amazonia. The same year, a search party led by Commander Dyott of the US Navy met Indians who claimed to have acted as porters for Fawcett. found wearing a bright brass ornament which, on close examination, turned out to be the name plate from a packthe London firm which had supplied Fawcett. The conclusion was that

Fawcett and his companions had been murdered, and their belongings stolen. But such a prosaic answer failed to satisfy the public, especialwhen Stephen Rattin. a Swiss trapper, emerged from the jungle in 1932 to report meeting a white man clad in skins in an Indian encampment. Rattin said that the man had told him he was Fawcett and was a prisoner of the Indians

More recently, the anthropologist brothers, Orlando and Claudio Villas Boas. themselves Brazilians, have compiled a more plausible account of what happened. From conversations with the Calapalo Indians, they concluded that Fawcett had indeed been killed. According to the Indians. Fawcett was looking for gold when he ended up in their territory. Seen as a threat, he was clubbed to death by Izarari, a chief of the Calapalos.

"The Indians claim that they killed the colonel, his son and his assistant Rimell. They told us that Fawcett was buried under a tree and that the other two were thrown into a lake," Orlando Villas Boas said.

ity to repair relations with Britain, which are now, para-

doxically, among the clusest

his country has with any

The Princess Royal begins a

visit to the Falklands today

three days after Señor Di Tella's daughter, her Swiss

husband and four children left

the Falklands after a week's

private visit that was part of

her father's charm offensive.

The unusual visit by the Argentine visitors passed off smoothly and did not, as

feared, cause offence to the

islanders. Paula Gall said she

and her family had received a

splendid welcome.

Congress summons: President Samper of Colombia has

called Congress to a special

session today to consider the charges against him relating to a scandal involving pay-ments by drug traffickers into

his election campaign in 1994

(David Adams writes). He is

seeking a national referendum

to let voters decide if he should

resign. Most observers say, howev-

er, that his decision amounts

to a futile effort and moves are

under way to find a dignified

exit for the beleaguered Presi-

dent. In the past week Senor

Samper has seen his political support evaporate after accu-

sations by a close ally that he

was directly involved in man-

aging some of the estimated £4 million in drug money that was paid into his party's

Western European nation.

Meanwhile, a coffin of bones found by the brothers in a Calapalo village in 1951 Fawcett. After their discov-





Colonel Percy Fawcett, who disappeared in the Brazilian jungle more than 70 years ago, and Izarari, a chief of the Calapalos Indians of Amazonia; according to one account, it was he who clubbed Fawcett to death

to England and examined by experts. They concluded that the leg bones were those of a much smaller man, while a dental plate that had belonged to Fawcett did not fit the jaw.
The coffin of bones was

returned to Rio de Janeiro's National Museum. Orlando Villas Boas removed it from there in 1986 but later donated it to the Sao Paulo Museum of Anthropology.

Brazilian anthropologists are still trying to prove that the bones belong to Fawcett, and they are currently undergoing DNA testing. They will be compared with DNA from hair and blood samples from a grand-daughter of the explorer's, Catherine Fawcett, who lives in London.

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Fawcett's own letters were that he had dropped out of society and was living a simple life in the jungle. "A man who has once sampled extreme simplicity of existence will seldom return to the artificial life," he once wrote. "The burden of it is not realised until it is laid down."

And this: "The English go native very easily. There is no disgrace in it. On the contrary, in my opinion, it shows a creditable regard for the real things in life." Another explanation was

that he had caught leprosy and preferred to die in obscurity, but that would hardly explain the disappearance of his son and Rimell. Death. by illness or violence, is by far the likeliest explanation.



Brian Fawcett, the explorer's son, examining the unidentified skull found in Brazil in 1951

US women break into life at the top

FROM TOM RHODES

THE glass ceiling has been not merely broken in America, it has been shattered, according to a new report which discloses that women now own a third of the country's

domestic business: Between 1987 and 1992, the number of companies owned by American women jumped 43 per cent, almost double the rate of growth for all firms during that period, and by 1994 the number of companies had risen to 7.7 million, an increase of 1.3 million on the previous year.

In its first report to President Clinton, the Committee on Women's Business Enterprise, in co-operation with the National Women's Business Council, said that firms under female ownership now emplayed 35 per cent more of the American workforce than the Fortune list of top 500 companies, and contributed more than \$1.6 trillion (more than £1,000 billion) to the economy

Chaired by Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the President's National Economic Adviser, the committee was established a year ago to ensure that wornen's issues were addressed at the highest level in the Administration.

David Silver, the author of Enterprising , Women. said that by the year 2005, women would own more businesses than men.

London: The extent to which British women have flexed their business muscle is still not fully documented by the statisticians. The Department of Trade keeps no fig-ures, a spokeswoman said

Mexico tells Britain to take business chances

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic editor

PRESIDENT ZEDILLO of Mexico, in a clear attempt to reduce the overwhelming influence of the United States on his country, called on John Major yesterday to urge Britain to seize the opportunities opened up by Mexican political and economic reforms.

In talks and a luncheon at Downing Street that focused largely on economic links between the two countries. President Zedillo outlined Mexico's long-term projects and the steps taken to stabilise the economy since the catastrophic collapse of the peso when he came to office a year ago. He hopes British financial institutions will underpin recovering investor confidence and boost investment in Mexico, and that the City will play a greater role in Mexico's

Mr Major spoke of the need for British business to play a larger role in Mexico's economy. Before meeting Mr Ma-jor, Señor Zedillo tried to allay Brifish fears of political insta-bility by giving assurances that a new, more democratic framework would be drawn up for Mexican congressional elections next year and that the central Government would do more to satisfy the demands of the poor peasants which have led to revolt by

Zapatista guerrillas. Señor Zedillo also told Mr Major that Mexico was now able to repay its short-term debts, that last year saw the fewest strikes for 20 years, that Mexico would continue privatisation and would do whatever was needed to protect its banking sector.

Guido Di Tella, the Foreign Minister of Argentina, also begins talks today with the Government on the vexed question of a fisheries agreement in the waters around the Falklands. The next round of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign negotiations will be held in Secretary, today. He is likely to be warned that unless and Buenos Aires in two weeks' until a fishing agreement can be reached, President Menem time at a meeting of the South Atlantic Fisheries Commis-

underline the importance of an agreement. An agreement still looks distant: not only is the sovereignty of the waters in dispute but the two sides also differ on the assessment of the available stocks, the conservation measures needed and a unified regime for the start and end of

sion. Señor Di Tella is here to

the fishing season.

In the search for agreement, officials of both countries cite the way a formula was devised to allow the beginning of oil exploration in the same waters without prejudicing either side's claims to sovereignty in the Falkland waters. But fish stocks are limited and already there are disputes over the plundering of catches by outside fishing fleets, especially from Russia, and concern that the supply of valuable Illex squid may be dwindling. Señor Di Tella, a frequent



Zedillo: sees growing

Rifles given to released hostages visitor to Britain, will meet

Sanaa: Yemeni tribesmen gave their 17 French hostages a rifle each and daggers as souvenirs before freeing them yesterday. The al-Aslam tribesmen also gave the mainis unlikely to be granted his wish to pay an official visit to Britain. The Argentine leader has made much out of his abilly elderly visitors a tour of their eastern Yemen region.

The Government said security forces later arrested four tribesmen. Jean Jacques Abassin, 65, one of those held for four days, said: "We were treated like guests." He showed off his gift rifle. (AFP)

Saddam 'well'

Baghdad: President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, denying reports that he has cancer, said he was in good health and feeling strong enough to swim the Tigris river back and forth. Saddam is 58. (Reuter)

Hunger alert

Rome: World leaders must tackle hunger as a threat to global stability when they gather here later this year for an unprecedented summit on food, a senior United Nations diplomat said. (Renter)

Cache details

Vienna: The US gave the Austrian Government details of secret arms caches, hidden in the country after the war to help to resist a Soviet invasion. and promised to remove the arsenals promptly. (Reuter)

Puppet state

Erfurt. Germany: The puppet Miss Piggy was "in police custody" here after being damaged during a break-in at an exhibition of 36 original Muppets, Two puppets, Ernie and Bert, are missing. (AP)

Gun gang slaughters eight in South African queue for jobs

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN ALBERTON, NEAR JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's ruling African National Congress has suggested that the slaughter by gunmen of eight people and the wounding of 24 outside a factory in Alberton, southeast of Johannesburg, yesterday may have been politically

motivated. According to the police, at least seven men armed with AK47 assault rifles and 9mm pistols fired on a queue of jobseekers outside the town's NF die-casting factory just before 3am. Witnesses said that more than 2000 people had begun

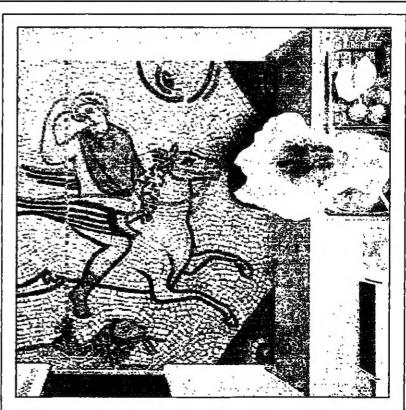
queueing outside the factory

the previous afternoon to apply for 200 jobs when seven men arrived and pushed their way to the front. WHen people complained, the men produced guns and fired. The motive has buffled the

police. However, the attack was reminiscent of "third force" political violence in the countdown to 1994's democratic elections. The plurase "third force" has been generally used to express coenerns that far right-wing members or former members of the security forces are fomenting violence in order to disrupt or

prevent political change. The ANC said the attack was possibly aimed at undermining its efforts to bring peace to KwaZulu/Natal. But it may be that, with the official unemployment rate at 33 per cent. people have resorted to such measures to scare off competitions for jobs.

□ Johannesburg: Dr Badra Ranchod, Ambassador to the European Community in the 1980s, has announced that he is to leave parliament. It is unclear whether he will also leave the former ruling National Party.



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FINANCIAL crisis has hit Bob Guccione, the publisher, pornogra-pher and master of Manhattan swank. His Penthouse magazine has recorded its first loss, circulation has plummeted, the cover price has risen and he has reluctantly closed two

other titles. Mr Guccione, 65, denied that the banks have taken control of General Media, the publishing group he took public in 1994, but disclosed that he has considered selling Penthouse and may soon retire. His problems suggest a change of fortunes for previously lucrative "skin" magazines in the face of competition from video tapes and the Internet. Circulation of Penthouse has dropped to a million. down from 3.2 million ten years ago. Mr Guccione said that advertising

revenues were good, but with Penthouse the key performer in his company, he had little choice but to close two smaller titles. Omni and Longevity, shedding 40 staff. Omni, a science fiction magazine, had a circulation of 703,000, and Longevity, a

health magazine, 358,000.

Since the launch of Penthouse in 1965, the medallion-wearing Mr. Guerione, shirt open to the navel, has come to personify the soft-porn world. His house is one of the biggest in Manhattan, with a sunken swim-

ming pool, marble floors, body-guards and an art collection which includes work by Botticelli, Matisse. Picasso and Renoir.

His wife, Kathy Keeton, is president of General Media, which lost \$7.6 million (£4.8 million) in the last financial year — its worst performance for 31 years. Mr Guecione may be facing the biggest crisis of his business life since his earliest days as a pornographer in London, when he acquired an out-of-date mailing list and mistakenly posted a promotional brochure for *Penthouse* to a collection of reputable, horrified subjects

such as doctors, elergymen, schoolgirls and MPs wives. Mr Guccione. a former altar boy priest, said yesterday that he would sell Penthouse if offered the right money. "We had an offer already but it was too small." he said. He added: "Eventually. I'm going to put all this aside and take up painting full-time. which I believe is what I was intended for in this life all along." Last year Mr Guccione drew \$1.5

who once considered becoming

million in salary from General Media, while his wife was paid \$500,000. To soothe investors, he claimed Penthouse was within five weeks of announcing a technical breakthrough that would allow it to charge Internet users for access to the magazine. He said he was unable to give details of the deal.

Clueless sleuths go back to school

BY BEN MACINTYRE

HUNDREDS of private detectives assembled in Lyons to mark the opening of a "school for sleuths" designed to make the next generation of French private eyes more like Detective Maigret, and less like Inspector Clousean.

There are some 1,200 France, and the profession has recently expanded beyond traditional role of spying on adulterers, as demand for industrial counter-espionage has increased. Private detectives are regarded in France as both glamorous and faintly ridiculous. Most are selftaught, a few end up on the wrong side of the law and many are merely

The private detective college, which opened last weekend, is part of an effort to set standards within the secretive industry. With branches Paris, Lyons and Montpellier, the school is offering a year-long course in shadowing a suspect, how to detect a telephone tap, photogra-phy and "respect for individual liberty".

The teaching staff will be made up of former detectives and retired

Obviously not everyone can become a detective. What will be taught above all are investigative techniques," Roger-Mare Moreau, a professional detective, said.

However critics of the course for gumshoes say that the job boils down to common sense since. as Sherlock Holmes principles of detection are "elementary, my dear Watson".

Flash floods in France put 100,000 in danger

Puisserguier and stood before the coffins of the drowned

children in the village church

before holding a crisis meeting

cy aid funds would be sent

flooded areas.

mediately to the most badly

Witnesses yesterday said a

car containing several passen-

gers had also been swept away

as the Libron river

More than 500 divers and

rescue workers moved out

hundreds of people threatened

by rising water. A crisis centre

was set up in the Béziers suburbs and by yesterday

afternoon more than a hun-

dred people had been airlifted

Rail traffic between Béziers

Witnesses reported seeing

caravans carried hundreds of

yards by the water and, west

of Béziers, several houses were flooded to a depth of 4ft or

more. Some motorists, sur-prised by the swiftness of the

flooding, took refuge in trees

and up telephone poles. One

was saved by hanging on to the wing mirror of a lorry

parked by his submerged car.

The meteorological station at Mount Aigoual in the Cé-

vennes said January's rainfall

will be the highest since 1896,

The massive downpour also

caused flooding in Corsica,

where eight people had to be rescued by helicopter from

France has been struck by a

series of serious floods in

recent years. Last year 16

people were killed. About 30

people were drowned in Sep-tember 1992 after flash flood-

ing in the area of Vaucluse.

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rescue workers. The Prime Minister said emergen-

FLASH floods caused by torrential rain swept through the Hérault region of southern France yesterday, leaving at least four people dead and hundreds more stranded or

"I have never seen anything like it," said Francine Sénegas, Mayor of the tiny town of people drowned. At least six more people were reported missing round the city of Béziers after three rivers burst their banks following a heavy downpour that began on Sunday afternoon.

Local officials said 6in of

rain had fallen in less than 24 hours. They gave a warning that, with more storms forecast for the region, increased flooding would put up to 100,000 people in danger.
Inhabitants of Agde and

Sérignan — two coastal towns east of Béziers - were told to leave their homes immediately. "A wave of water is going to scend downsteam," Bernard Monginet, Prefect of the Herault department, said.

An evacuation operation was under way in Béziers vesterday as Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, and the Interior Minister, Jean-Louis Debré, flew to the area. "I am being kept informed on the situation hour by hour. All the necessary measures will be taken to combat the effects of the bad weather." M Debré

Three of the dead were from one family. A brother and sister, aged 10 and 12, and their mother drowned when their caravan was swept

The fourth victim was a 60year-old man from the nearby town of Magalas, who died when his car was swept away on Sunday night.



Cars litter Puisserguier's streets after floodwaters swept through, drowning at least four people and leaving hundreds

Scientists and occultists baffled by Jura town's burning question

HUNDREDS of police, scientists, tourists and experts in the paranormal have descended on Moirans-en-Montagne, a small town in the Jura mountain range, after a series of apparently spontaneous fires that have defied logical explanation. In the past three months no less than 11 fires have erupted in various parts of the town, killing two people. No one knows how they started but just about everyone has a theory, ranging from the scientific

Jean-Pierre Berthet, the local magis-trate, has called in a raft of scientific experts to try to explain what the 2.000 inhabitants of the town grimly refer to as. the "phenomena", but without success.

Arson has been ruled out by police. M Berthet conceded that the scientists had failed to find any "electrical, nuclear or magnetic anomaly".

The first "phenomenon" occurred on November 4, when a property belonging

fires, equally inexplicable, many in the same street. On January 20, Annie Raffin, a relative of the first victim, died when her home also burnt. A volunteer fireman, Gérard David, was killed while

attempting to save her.

Laboratory tests on a fragment of melted pewier indicated the most recent fire had burnt at more than 1.300C (2,372F) and, still more bizarrely, witnesses claimed the dancing flames had pointed into the wind.

Electrical experts were brought in to check newly laid cable, but reported that the current was normal. Other scientists professed themselves baffled.

Strange and superstitious rumours have begun circulating in the town. including the view that Moirans-en-Montagne is being bombarded by laser beams transmitted by satellite, as well as the more old-fashioned, but equally unlikely, theory that the town is being victimised by pagan gods. with 150.
Emile Battista, a retired Manfeilles

came to the town last week to give his expert opinion: an exorcist must be called in from the Vatican, he advised.

The nervous occupants of houses in Rue de Cares, where most of the fires broke out, have taken to leaving their homes at night

Now a Paris scientist has come forward with a new theory. Pascal Bernard of the Institute of Giobal Physics told Le Monde newspaper that the spontaneous fires may be the result of small earthquakes releasing inflammable gases created by organic decomposition in caves beneath the mountains.

The Jura range is a seismically active zone, M Bernard points out, and a jolt was recorded in the neighbouring area some ten years ago.

That theory may appear far-fetched, but barring other hard scientific reasoning or a belief in the supernatural, it remains, in M Bernard's view, "almost the only reasonable hypothesis" to explain the mystery of the town that burnt.

Red Cross airlift to feed starving in Kabul

THE International Committee of the Red Cross will launch an emergency airlift of 1,000 tonnes of food this week to relieve the besieged Afghan capital of Kabul where more than one million people are

facing starvation. Overland supply routes into the city have been closed by Mujahidin forces trying to topple the Government of President Rabbani. Random shelling has forced the closure of Kabul airport, leaving only Bagram military airport in the north open for supplies.

Afghanistan's warring factions may be on the verge of reaching a peace settlement. occording to General Abdul Rashid Dostam, the country's feared Uzbek warlord. In an interview with The Times. he said leaders of the rival Mujahidin factions will meet in Pakistan next month in an

effort to bring an end to the internecine fighting.

The Uzbek general turned politician, who controls 30 per cent of the country, 50 per cent of the population, and most of the country's gas and oil reserves, said he wanted an everall settlement, and did not

Kabul: At least five people were killed and several rocket attacks and a jet fighter bombing raid on the Afghan capital yesterday, security sources and an Afghan news service said. Witnesses said a warplane dropped bombs in the presidential palace area, but there were no immediate reports of casualties there. An earlier rocket attack on the palace had killed one person and wounded three. (Reuter)

want Afghanistan to disintegrate into "little pieces". Speaking through an interpreter, General Dostam said Mr Rabbani's Government was a government in name only. "We could finish off Rabbani's forces by forming factions, but we are worried about the consequences that would have on the civilian

population." General Dostam said he has been engaged in negotiations with Taleban, the Pakistanbacked Islamic student mili-Afghanistan over the past 18 months. He insisted, however, that no military alliance had been forged between their two factions in an attempt to oust the Kabul Government.

"Most of the people in Afghanistan are Muslims," General Dostam said, "We want an Islamic governmentin Kabul. But we do not want a fundamentalist government.



EU ministers dismiss British fears of monetary union crisis

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

over European monetary union were dismissed by its partners yesterday as little more than wishful thinking that should not be allowed to unsettle the march to the single currency

French and German foreign ministers joined the European Commission at a Brussels gathering, which came after a wave of public anxiety around Europe over EMU, in reasserting their confidence in the timetable and economic criteria for embracing the euro.
"We are making all the necessary effort to make the date and we will do so," Hervé de

Charette, the French Minister, The French and Germans were especially irked by what their officials saw as troublemaking by Malcolm Riskind, the Foreign Secretary. Outside the meeting, he tweaked his colleagues' nerves by noting the uncertainty among senior statesmen over the 1999 target date for launching EMU. doubt if this can go on day after day, week after week. without some serious credibil-

countries which insisted they could meet the deadlines would have to do "something stronger" than simply make speeches, although he declined to say what that should

Continental officials depicted Mr Rifkind's remarks as a reflection of the Government's desire to see the EMU project collapse well ahead of the need for any painful British decision about exercising the opt-out. This is wishful thinking," Werner Hoyer, the Gerter, said. There is not the slightest question of postponing anything. We are sticking to the [Maastricht] criteria as well as the timetable."

Germany is to announce measures to boost the economy and reduce unemployment, which has begun rising with the economic slowdown of recent months, casting doubt on the monetary project. Herr Hoyer said German moves were being co-ord-inated with France. "We are working very closely togeth-

Bonn tax cuts deal

Bonn: The equabbling parties that make up Germany's coalition yesterday patched together a face-saving compromise to cut tax rates, thus overcoming a crisis that threater to bring down Helmut Kohl's Government (Peter Bild writes). The solidarity tax, a 7.5 per cent surcharge imposed on income and corporation tax after the country's unification in 1990, to finance eastern Germany's reconstruction, is to be

cut to 5.5 per cent from July next year.

The Free Democrats, who hold the balance of power in Bonn, had threatened to withdraw support unless the Government committed itself to phasing out the surcharge in 1997. The concession was won from the dominant Christian Democrat Union and Christian Social Union grouping.

also thrown on Britain's talk by the Brussels Commission. spokesman for Jacques Santer, the President, brushed off as nonsense British media reports of secret plans to postpone the launch of the

The Monetary Commission-er, Yves-Thibault de Silguy, said there was no need to talk about delays because the test for entry was still two years away. "I think that barring economic or political cata-clysm, France, Germany and a majority of countries in the Union will be ready at the end of 1997 for the transition to the euro." Talk of delays was dangerous, he said.

However, ministers in Brussels for their first council of the season sounded a common note on the need to combat unemployment across the Union. Governments are worried that the number of jobless, now 20 million in the European Union, will climb without measures to create

Anatole Kaletsky, page 27



Snow White: Disney is protecting her image

Snow White's impure past

Los Angeles: A starlet's risque bedroom scene has forced the Walt Disney Company into drastic action to protect the name of Snow White (Giles Whittell writes). Monica Keena, 16, stars in

Disney's forthcoming Snow White in the Black Forest. However, she was previously in the low budget Ripe complete with a bedroom scene described by a source as "tastefully shot" and with "no nudity". Disney executives are anxious that such a scene could tarnish Snow White's image and are trying to buy up Ripe, the New York Post

Reformers break links with Yeltsin

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN reformers who that used to advise Mr Yeltsin, President Yeltsin since 1991, including many of his liberal Kremlin aides, have finally renounced their backing this

Sergei Filatov, one of Mr Yeltsin's closest aides until he was sacked this month as his Chief of Staff, admitted in an article in Saturday's edition of Izvestia that, after the brutal handling of the hostage crisis in Dagestan and the sacking of several reformers, Mr Yeltsin had lost the support of the Russian middle class

Intelligentsia. Mr Filatov said he was "disturbed" by the direction in which the President was heading. But he argued that Mr Yeltsin still deserved support, because to abandon him would mean "pushing him into the embrace of the security structures," the kind of drift into isolation that helped to undermine the former President, Mikhail Gorbachev, before the August 1991 coup.

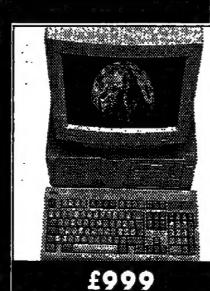
But four prominent liberals, who resigned last week from the Presidential Council, a high-profile group of experts dent is now total. "In the last two weeks everything has caved in," said Otto Latsis, the main political commentator with Izvestia and the first to

The final straw for the four men was the bloody assault on the village of Pervomaiskoye ten days ago, in which many hostages died. "I do not know what there was more of," said Yegor Gaidar, the man Mr Yeltsin made his acting Prime Minister in 1992, "incompe-tence, cruelty or lies." He said his abandonment of the President was "final and irreversible"

Mr Yeltsin's behaviour is an obvious reaction to last month's parliamentary elections, when the Communist Party topped the poll and Mr Gaidar's party collected less than 4 per cent of the vote. He has sacked the minister in his Government most associated with economic reform, Anatoli Chubais, and has already started promising handouts to pensioners and students. But many believe it is a desperate and misguided strategy.



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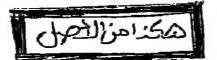
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Family thwarted in moves to put Du Pont into care

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

RELATIONS of John du Pont. the multimillionaire murder suspect captured after a 48hour armed siege, repeatedly tried to commit him to a mental hospital before he allegedly shot an Olympic wrestler.

Mr du Pont's sister-in-law, Martha, described him as a gun that was waiting to go off". She said: "We've been trying for years to get him help, but you just can't get someone committed anymore. People like John are very savvy and even cunning. They talk to the doctors and talk their way out of things." In the last two years, she said, the eccentric Mr du Pont "really began losing it and he had been "just wild" in recent

Neighbours of Mr du Pont criticised local authorities for not noticing how his mind slowly unravelled after the 1988 death of his mother and speculated that he would have been shown very different treatment had he not been a friend and honorary member

eccentric. When you are poor, you are stark, raving mad." Mr du Pont, 57, has been charged with first-degree murder of Dave Schultz, 36, a

leading wrestler who lived in the grounds of Mr du Pont's 800-acre estate in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. When captured on Sunday by a police SWAT tearn, he said: *OK, OK, don't hart mel What are you doing? I am the Dalai Lama." He claimed that he was a "head of state" and "equal to the tsar".

Acquaintances yesterday detailed a slow deterioration in his mental health. Jack Cuvo, a wrestling pupil of Mr du Pont, recalled that his natron, sometimes claimed that the walls were talking to him. At other times he would Mr du Pont believed that geese were trying to place a spell on him, would fire balls of newspaper from his Civil War cannon, spoke of his fear of assassination, and would wander around his grounds in of the local police. Anne. a dressing gown, firing a Knorr, a local resident, said: machinegun at passing spar-"When you're rich, you're rows. "He was weird," Mr

Dole's tax challenge rejected by new rival FROM IAN BRODGE ON WARRINGTON

STEVE FORBES, the multipublisher of Forber magazine whose worth is estimated at \$450 million. millionaire who has rocketed to second place in the race for the Republican presidential nomination, has rejected rivals' demands that he should

make his tax returns public. Mr Forbes said the tax issue was simply a ploy to divert attention from his controversial call to replace the various levels of income tax with a flat tax of 17 per cent for anyone earning more than \$36,000

Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader whose status as front-runner is being eroded by Mir Forbes, released his income-tax returns, last week and challenged other candidates to do the same, specifi-cally targeting Mr Forbes, the

In their attacks, Mr Dole and others say Mr Forbes would benefit personally from his flat tax because all capital gains and investment profits would be tax-free. Middlewould lose their tax deductions for home mortgages and

The agitation about Mr Forbes reflects his surge in the cans hold the first big presidential preference vote in two weeks, Mr Dole's support has fallen to 25 per cent from 40 per cent a few months ago, while Mr Forbes has emerged from nowhere to 18 per cent.

said to be "considering" seeking the death penalty for Mr du Pont, but lawyers for the pected to claim that he was not in possession of his senses when Mr Schultz was shot. The dead man's widow, Nancy, who appeared at a press conference with her children. Alex, nine, and Danielle, six, John committed this senseless and brutal killing".

During the two-day siege of Mr. du Pont's house, police marksmen regularly had him du Pont, who was himself armed with a spectacular arsenal, could be seen roaming through the 19th-century style mansion. The marksmen regularly told their commanders, "I have him", indicating that they had him square in their sights, but the order to shoot was not given. The siege ended when telephone negotiended when telephone negoti-ators persuaded Mr du Pont to leave the house to repair a hoiler, whereupon he was seized by 15 heavily armed

Many of the police who took art in the siege knew Mr du structed officers in small-arms fire at a shooting range he built on the estate, and became a volunteer member of the force. He had also bought equipment for the local

Commentators yesterday said police spokesmen during the siege had been unusually respectful about Mr du Pont. emphatically calling him "mister" and allowing him to get a night's sleep, with even a wake-up telephone call on Sunday morning. John Halota, 65, a retired policeman. recalled: "You've got to realise, he trained a lot of these guys."

In answer to complaints that the police had not acted on complaints about Mr du Pont's bizarre behaviour, which included armed threats to his wife and another wrestier, the former district attorney, William Buan, said that he personally had not seen any paperwork about such complaints.



Vigilantes rule in city of 'Seven Noes'



James Pringle, in the last of his two-part series on Shanghai, finds that, despite a changing skyline, old attitudes linger on

wn and the old Whangpoo Park -- where supposedly there once was an offensive sign that read "No dogs or Chinese" — has seen its size reduced further. The space has been taken up by a soaring Monument to the People's Heroes with Communist revolutionary figures

A beautification campaign has raised the mile-long walkway on the Bund, the famous poo River with the neo-Grecian banks and Western trading houses testifying to the prewar era of Shanghai's ness, or notoriety. The and the cleanest stretch of

One dare not light a cigarette here, for bossy, elderly committee will impose a 10yuan (90p) fine on the spot The other day a couple of these vigilantes berated a young woman for wearing high heels on the new Bund walkway.

A current Shanghai camign against the "Seven Noes", including no littering. smoking, spitting, swearing, pushing and arguing, is descolds her spoilt "little emper or" son for discarding a plastic cup. But the Whangpoo and Soochow creek, which meet at the Bund, remain as polluted as ever with

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Jake O'Sullivan teases

his mother as she asks.

Bob Sparks wakes with

a start and calls to pay:

about her mortgage,

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saw the Bund during the later stages of the Cultural Revolution, an 8ft-high slogan out-side the Peace Hotel, formerly Sir Victor Sassoon's Art Deco Cathay where in 1929 Noël Coward wrote Private Lives while recovering from flu, read: "Long live invincible Mao Tse-tung Thought."

The clock tower on the old British-built Contons House chimed the East Is Red every half-hour, and the former. racially exclusive Shanghai Club, with its 33-yard mahogany Long Bar where taipans took their ease, was a hostel for Communist Party cadres.

Today the clock's ordinary chimes are drowned by traffic. The Shanghai Club houses a Western fast-food outlet and the famed Long Bar has gone. The forme imperial houses on the Bund are dwarfed by the Oriental Television -Tower, Whangpoo in the in 1972 the Peace Hotel was

a dismal place; the lobby was

over the reception desk. The hotel, with its pyramid roof, has since been restored with a gymnasium and a business centre; but a jazz hand of grumpy-looking elderly men playing When the Saints Go Marching In made it sound like a dirge.

in early 1972, strolling along the Bund with a Shanghai-born government "mind-er". I said he must be proud giris seemed — without make-up and despite padded clothes - "quite pretty". His cheeks turning red with Maoist indignation, he stormed: "That is nothing to be proud of I am proud of the fact that the Communist Party Shanghai." But the foreign visitor on the Bund today is just as likely to receive a nod from a heavily made-up beauty, whispering an offer of assignation for a price, just like in decadent prewar days.



Old style: the Peace Hotel band plays jazz sedately

Troops 'sold' to COLOUIA

FROM JONATHAN MIREN

CHINA'S supporters in Hong Kong are going allout to persuade the colo-ny's residents that units of the People's Liberation Army units to be stationed here next year should not remind them of its role in crushing the 1989 Peking uprising.

The Communist press yesterday devoted many columns to this friendly garrison, estimated at 5,000 to 8,000, pointing out that members are chosen for height, good looks, excellent education both officers and men skills in English and Cantonese, ability to drive on the left, and for a disinterest in business.

The selected soldiers were visited across the border yesterday by some of the Hong Kong Preparatory Committee, the i52-member group intended to design the new government. Major-General Liu Zhenwu, garri-son commander, said the troops would - with permission from Peking be used to "maintain public order and stability", and for disaster

FOR an institution which has fought no

proudly boast not an admiral killed in

combat since 1944, the United States

Navy must consider the last 18 months to

In that time, five members of its top

eccedented levels, and the Pentagon

brass have been lost to sex scandals.

has been forced to hold "sensitivity

seminars" in an attempt to introduce the gentleman culture into the American

The most recent incident involves

Admiral Richard Macke, until last

month the commander of the Pacific Fleet. His less than diplomatic view of

the rape in Okinawa of a 12-year-old

officer class.

major sea battles for 50 years and can

be the most damaging in living memory.

charges of indecent assault have reached

Clinton likely to reduce garrison in Okinawa

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND PEREGRINE HODSON IN TOKYO

PRESIDENT Clinton is expected to reduce the American military presence on Okinawa after a series of rapes which have inflamed Japanese opinion and threatened to under-

mine bilateral relations. During a state visit to Japan in April. Mr Clinton is likely to announce that both the amount of land occupied by American forces and the number of their exercises should be diminished. There also may be a small reduction in the 47,000 troops stationed on the island, which constitute more than 75 per cent of United States bases in the country.

The Administration, facing strong criticism from the Okinawans, is negotiating a compromise it hopes will maintain a balance in the region at a time of highly sensitive relations between America, China and North Korea.

The decision comes in the wake of an alleged rape of a minor by a US servicemen and the trial of three other servicemen in connection with the kidnapping and sexual assault of a 12-year-old Okmawan girl last September. Prosecutors in the second case yesterday demanded 10 years' iail for the three men. who bound up the girl "with tape like some parcel".

The fallout from the attack on the girl, and the subsequent

. Sex scandals sink US Navy's reputation

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

schoolgiri by three American servicemen cost him his command. He now faces a

potential court-martial for allegedly as-

ing military aircraft to fly from Hawaii to

If these were isolated episodes, the US

Navy could perhaps point a collective

finger of guilt at one man, but the service

that spawned the romantic image of An

Officer and a Gentleman is looking

More than four years after the "Tailhook Scandal", the Las Vegas orgy

that claimed the job of Lawrence Garrett,

then Secretary of the Navy, the US Navy

is seemingly unable to shake a post-

more than 1,000 new cases of harassment

Vietnam reputation for misogyny.

decidedly tarnished.

the US on visits to various girlfriends.

causing great concern in To-kyo, where pressure for the withdrawai of all American forces is growing. The Hashimoto Government fears that the pressure in Japan, combined with a "bring the boys home" mood in Congress could cause large reductions

in US troop numbers. On Friday, Takakazu Kuriyama, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, gave a stark warning that the dispute over the US bases in Okinawa could derail US-Japan relations. In New full-page ad in The New York



rape of an American girl, is Times calling for removal of all US bases in Japan, citing numerous crimes by US ser-

> Some Okinawans fear that any American withdrawal may injure the island's economy, estimated to generate more than \$1 billion a year from the US military.

> Japanese officials are keen to make certain revisions to the Status of Forces Agreement, the key part of the 1960 US-Japan Security Treaty under which American forces are stationed in the region.

> Delegates from Okinawa left on Monday for the United States to urge the US govern-ment officials and legislators to reduce bases in Okinawa. Their mission will further embarrass the Government in Tokyo, which is trying to patch together a compromise to satisly the Okinawans while maintaining a credible US

In Tokyo, the Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, met the US Ambassador, Walter Mondale, to seek US cooperation in solving the prob-lem of US bases in Okinawa. ☐ Tokyo: A court yesterday sentenced a US marine serving in Okinawa to 11 years' jail for killing his Japanese girl-friend with a hammer. (AFP)

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and more than 3,500 charges of indecent

assault, from groping to rape, a figure nearly three times the national rate in the

Excerpts from a new book, Fall From Glory, published by Newsweek yester-day, says sexual abuse is so embedded in

the Navy that it may be impossible to root

out. "Sailors have always been known for

their bawdiness, but officers, at least, were supposed to be gentlemen. Then came Vietnam," says the hook. "The Vietnam vets, and the exploitative sexual

attitudes they developed in Asia, arrived

home in the Seventies just as women

were beginning to move into the ranks."

At the annual Tailhook convention of

women said they were sexually abused.

United States.

Since 1992, the department has logged naval pilots in Las Vegas in 1991, 83

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Beware the Rip Van Winkle syndrome

What daytime sleepiness may be trying to tell you

ot all patients with sleep problems complain of insomnia. Some are more concerned by excessive sleepiness during the day. But since disturbed nights are one of the causes of daytime catnaps, unwelcome tiredness and loss of attention are conditions Which coexist.

Falling asleep at inopportune moments does not only occur during boring speeches or in front of the television set. The male habit of falling asleep after sexual intercourse, for example, causes considerable resentment in their partners.

In some cases there is a medical excuse. The man may be suffering from excessive daytime sleepiness, of which one of the causes may be narcolepsy. Narcolepsy is a syndrome marked by sleep attacks and cataplexy, the sudden loss of muscle tone. Other features such as sleep paralysis and

hypnagogic hal-lucinations may be present, but can also be caused by many other conditions. Over the past ten come increasingly apparent that

STUTTAFORD the result that other causes of excessive daytime sleepiness have been ignored.

Professor David Parkes of the Maudsley Hospital in Denmark Hill, south London, who is an international expert on sleep problems, says: "Thank heavens that more care is being taken before the diagnosis of narcolepsy is made.

The diagnosis of narcolepsy in the past has sometimes been disastrous. For instance, some patients with sleep aprioea have not been diagnosed correctly and, therefore, have not had the treatment which might have helped them with potentially lethal conditions. Instead they have been labelled lazy or bored.

"Others who have been given a diagnosis of narcolepsy discover it can have far-reaching social conse-

Although changes in the EEG (brainwayes) pattern of they have a sleep attack are characteristic, and although all patients with proven narcolepsy have a particular tissue type (HLA-DR 2), experts believe the surest way of making a diagnosis

of narcolepsy is to reveal a history of both excessive daytime sleepiness and cataplexy. In cataplexy there is a sudden loss of muscle tone, to all intents and purposes a general paralysis, without any loss of consciousness. Given the right stimulant, which is usually elation. extreme nappiness, fear or anger, the patient just crumbles, rather as if an electric toy has suddenly been turned off.

Attacks of cataplexy can be precipated by sporting triumphs. Textbooks tell the stories of athletes who had a cataplexic attack when they hit a much-needed six at cricket, or played a matchwinning stroke at tennis. One of my patients suffered complete paralysis without loss of consciousness during a boat race.

Narcolepsy is most often confused with the excessive daytime sleepiness which is

the result of the sleep apnoea synpatients repeatedly stop breathing for short periods while asleep. Usually, they are heavy snorers who snore more and more loudly until there is a pause.

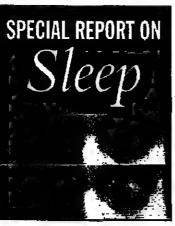
during which they stop breathing altogether. After a few seconds breathing is normally resumed and with it the snoring. The cycle may be repeated

30 or 40 times a night and next day, not unnaturally. they are over tired, prone to sleep at inappropriate moments, and are a potential danger to themselves and to

Usually patients with sleep apnoea are overweight, drink too much alcohol or smoke too many cigarettes. But sometimes in otherwise fit older people the tissues at the back of the throat and in the nasal spaces become flabby. These natients have an increased iability to strokes, heart and accidental death, and deserve active

treatment. The treatment of excessive daytime sieepiness depends on its origins. If it is the result of narcolepsy, drugs of the amphetamine type are useful, as are some of the newer 5HT reuptake inhibitors. These, including some which have been available for many years, reduce the incidence of cataplexy and

Six for a man, seven for a woman and eight for a fool?



merican experts say we could all use

more hours' sleep. Jeremy Laurance casts an alert eye over the evidence

EVERYBODY, given the opportuni-ty, can sleep more than they normally do. This is not just a question of having a lie-in at weekends. Research has shown that if people spend an extra two hours in bed beyond their normal time, they will sleep on average for one extra hour. Does this not prove that we are all sleep-

American scientists think that it does. They argue that we get less sleep than we need and would be more alert and energetic if we slept more. British experts concede that we could sleep more — just as we could est, drink and have sex more — but say this proves nothing about how much we need.

The dispute, which has broken out in the pages of the journal Sleep, demonstrates how hard it is to win agreement on an activity about which everyone has an opinion.

Napoleon prescribed six hours' sleep a night for a man, seven for a woman — and eight for a fool. Margaret Thatcher was admired for her capacity to cope on five hours a night although this is not unusual in people in their sixties. We need less sleep as we get older.

Power is a stimulant that reduces the need for sleep and powerful people tend to dismiss it, as these examples show. People whose work is demanding but fulfilling find they can cut their sleep without ill-effects. Almost everyone has noticed times in their life when things have been going well and they have needed less

For most people, most of the time, seven or eight hours a night is the rule. But even this may not be enough, according to Dr Michael Bonnet of the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Centre, Ohio. He and colleagues say in the current issue of Sleep that people slept longer a century ago, most of us enjoy a liein, and tests show we are more alert



as a result, especially in the early afternoon when people tend to feel

In response, Professor Jim Horne of Loughborough University says he has looked at the evidence and found it not to be true. "There is no evidence

Power is a

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that the Victorians , slept longer. I suspect many people slept less at the turn of the century because they worked longer hours and had poorer sleeping condi-

In support of Professor Home, Dr Chris Idzikowski, chairman of the British Sleep Society, cites an article on sleeplessness published in the British Medical Journal. The hustle and bustle of daily life drives us all to insomnia, it said.

The year was 1894. For Dr Idzikowski, the transatiantic difference of view has more to do with medical investment than scientific research. Sleep deprivation is a major preoccupation of Americans help them. "If they can create the impression that people are not sieeping as much as they should it helps to get people into the centres," he says. Dr Idzikowski says that asking

how much sleep we need is like asking how fast we should breathe. It depends on what we have been doing — and is mostly outside our rose trol. A sprint for the bes will be followed by planting as sleeplessness one night is followed by ultimestations.

consciousness the next. The greatest enemy of sleep is worry about the lack of it. Most people who lose sleep will recov-er it within 24 hours, and find it possible to cope in the meantime. Overcom-

ing the fear of not being able to cope is one of the keys to conquering insomnia. Professor Horne, director of the sleep research laboratory at Loughborough and Britain's most widely quoted expert on sleep, conducted the experiment in which

hour. "Everybody can take more sleep but do we need it? We eat things when we are not hungry and we drink more than we need. Just because we can sleep more doesn't mean we need to."

fessor Home concedes that the extra two hours in bed did make people more alert in the afternoon. But he says there is a better way of countering post-lunch sleeplness. 'If you do experience an afternoon

dip, instead of losing two hours' productive wakefulness in bed, the best thing is to take a ten-minute catnap at lunch. It is the most efficient way of dealing with it.

There is a basic amount of sleep that we all require. Beyond that it is a very enjoyable time-filler, but it is not

Within the animal kingdom, sleep is governed by metabolic rate -- the speed with which energy is burnt up. Elephants, with a low metabolic rate, sleep for around three and a half hours while bats sleep for 15. There is, however, no evidence that busy human beings sleep more than lazy ones. The length of sleep does not tell us

quality is extremely subjective. This is something that bedevils sleep research," says Dr Chris Hanning. director of the Sleep Disorders Clinic at Leicester General Hospital.

One way of improving the quality of sleep for poor sleepers is to restrict the time available for it. Doctors frequently find people who complain of insomnia are going to bed at 10pm and getting up at 8am. By staying up till midnight and setting the alarm for 7am, they can dramatically improve their sleep.

There is a simple test of whether or not you are getting enough sleep, widely ignored by those who complain of sleep problems. It is whether you feel sleepy during the day. "That is the acid test. If you are awake and alert you are obviously getting

enough sleep." says Dr Hanning. Sleepiness is not the same as tiredness. Sieepiness is caused by lack of sleep and solved by taking a nap or going to bed. Tiredness is marked by loss of interest, feeling miserable and having difficulty getting going. It is often attributed to caused by depression.

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people who spent an extra two hours in bed slept on average for one extra disorder centres has sprung up to How to get some rest without counting sheep

or those having trouble nodding off, there is now a bewildering array of pills, potions and alternative remedies available to ald rest-

Traditionally, weary fathers and mothers gave sleepless tots a malted drink at bedtime. relying on the reputedly sedative qualities of hops. A dash of whisky in milk is an old staple, as are warm honey or camomile tea. Recently however, over-the-counter remedies have increased in popularity and pharmacy shelves reflect our appetite for more instant herbal and nonherbal sedatives.

Medinex, a liquid sedative, and Nytol and Sominex, which are both taken in tablet form, are antihistamine based. after scientific researchers realised that the drug, traditionally used for hayfever and colds. caused drowsiness and could therefore be used as the main ingredient of a sedative. These remedies are good at relieving temporary sleeplessness but should not be used for any length of time." Sharon Buckle, a pharmacist at Boots's headquarters, says. Counter sales of herbal rem-

edies - which contain extracts of plants with traditionally restiul properties such as vale rian, passiflore, hops and humulus, many of which have been used for centuries - have also increased in the past couple of years. Natrasleep, Sommus and Quiet Night, which are all taken in tablet form, are popular buys for sleep searchers and contain

some or all of the above. Others have turned to acupuncturists, trained herbalists, aromatherapists and psychologists. Some former insomniacs swear by the power of relaxation energies. One of many devised by Jack Goodman, a London psychotherapist, involves visualising



A popular way to aid restful sleep is by the use of herbs

yourself moving down a staircase. As you take each step, repeat the words dreamy, drowsy, heavy, sleepy". At the bottom, repeat the words until the power of suggestion pulls you into sleep.

Yoga is also said to be a great sleep aid. Judy Smith, a trained Ivengar teacher at the Maida Vale Yoga Institute. says deeper breathing exercises enable more oxygen to be sent to the brain, thus improving the quality of sleep. "Certain supported yoga postures, which stretch the body and nourish the brain, are also good for insomnia," she says.

Body rhythms are also buzz. words for insomniacs. In 1991 Leon Lack, an Australian psychologist, discovered that shining bright lights at insomniacs who persist in waking in the middle of the night can reset their body clocks and help them to sleep

longer. Strong bands of light, similar to those used by sufferers of SAD syndrome or "winter blues", shone in the early evening, trick the body into thinking it is still daylight and encourage you to sleep further into the night later on. Herbalists often see insomnia or disturbed sleep as a

symptom rather than a prob-lem in itself. They will therefore offer remedies according to individual complaints such as stress or depression. However, insomniac potions often include wild lettuce (remember Beatrix Potter's flopsy bunnies who became soporific in a bed of lettuce?), passifiore, humatus, camomile and less on verbena, all of which traditionally have sedative qualities, as have extracts of catnip and skullcap, marjoram and numeg.

Aromatherapy oils are also
a popular remedy. Lavender

Is perhaps the best known, but orange blossom, sandalwood and geranium essential oils, either added to the bath or dropped on to the pillow, are reputedly effective somnonts. Christine Stewart, a herbalist, says that many hospitals prefer to burn lavender oil in wards rather than give out sleeping pills. In Tibetan medicine, a traditional cure for sleeplessness is to add two to three drops of ginger essential oil into a base oil such as almond and rub it into the soles of the feet before

An old Chinese remedy for insomnia is to use a pillow containing the mineral gyp-sum, which is likened to hops in its therapeutic qualities.

Chinese medicine, which centres around the balance of Yin and Yang energy in the body, uses a complicated series of herbs in combination to treat problems such as insomnia.

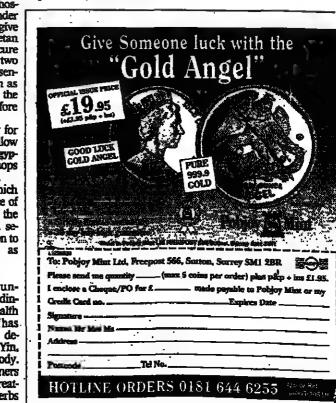
onathan Clogstoun-Willmott, from the Edin-J burgh Natural Health Centre, says Chinese belief has it that insomnia usually derives from a deficiency of Yin. or calm energy, in the body. Chinese medical practitioners use a combination of treatment herbs, messenger herbs (to help the treatment on its way) and belancing herbs to treat problems. For insomnia, these might include an asparagus derivative, a traditionally blood balancing herb, the root of Solomon's seal to clear the lungs and stomach, or lily bulbs to help the lungs.

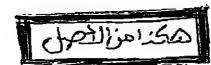
ome insomniacs find homocopathic medicine, which uses the principle of like treating like, beneficial. It has a complicated diagnostic system but sleep treatments may include mux vomica for insomnia generated by overwork and sulphur extracts for light sleepers. A trained homoeopath should be consulted

Others swear by acupunc-ture. Angela Farrant, a London-based acupuncturist, says practitioners also see "We look at the energy pathways of the individual and see where they are blocked. Often it is another problem causing sleeplessness but a course of acupuncture, using relevant points on the body, can relieve the problem and therefore the symptoms," she says.

But perhaps one of the most effective cures for the curse of sleeplessness was suggested in a letter to a national newspaper nearly two decades ago. The weary reader advised fellow insomniacs: "Try re-peating the words, 'I'm a night watchman, I'm a night watchman' over and over," he wrote. "You will drop off in no

KATHRYN KNIGHT





Ready for the Tarantino remake of Macbeth?



Why bother to create a new film or television idea when you can endlessly recycle an old one? Joe Joseph gets an attack of déjà vu

erceptive people often ask talented but struggling nov-elists: "If you're really so smart, how come you spend years writing one single novel when, at any bookstore, you could hand over £6.99 and buy a novel that has already been written by some-one else, thus saving two whole years of your own life? This wisdom has hit Hollywood

like a revelation. It has suddenly realised how much sweat you can save by getting others to do all the hard, creative work for you. This is why Sabrina Fair, made memorable by Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart in 1954, has just hit our movie screens again as Sabrina, starring Julia Ormond and Harrison Ford.

British showbiz has caught the bug, too. Hence the appearance of Paul Merton on television in

Simpson's Hancock's Half Hour.
The disease is spreading, Arnold
Kopelson, who turned the TV series of The Fugitive into a movie, now wants to remake Hitchcock's Dial M for Murder and Strangers on a Train. Demi Moore has her eye on the Bette Davis classic All About Eve. Robin Williams is regurgitating La Cage aux Folles as Birdcage. Sharon Stone and Isabelle Adjani are starring in a new cut of Les Diaboliques.

brand new remakes of Galton and

Warren Beatty and Annetic Bening have already remade a forgettable hash of An Affair To. Remember. Even Marcel Carné's film of Les Enfants du Paradis will resurface tonight at the Barbican. as a play directed by Simon Callow and performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company, Why? Maybe the showbiz world has

that it has descovered recycling. Or maybe, as Dorothy Parker noted, the only "ism" that Holly-wood believes in is plagiarism. Either way, as far as cultural enjoyment goes, most of these remakes are about as exciting as partiting flaguagement maths. watching flatworms mate. "If there is a more turgid movie

all year than Sydney Pollack's Sabrina, I hope I don't have to see it," wrote one Sunday paper critic.
"Miraculously, Pollack made Billy Wilder's light comedy leaden, like a chef turning a meringue into a bread pudding." In America, it was worse: "Remaking it," snapped one Californian reviewer. is about as necessary as redesigning the Chrysler building or recording a hip-hop version of Mahler's Fifth Symphony."

The reason Hollywood plumps for remakes is because it believes there is less risk attached: if audiences liked it once, then hell, they might well like it again. Faced with green-lighting a \$40 million budget for a remake of a Hinchcock classic or a first-time script from an unknown petrol-pump attendant in New Jersey, the studio boss opts for the former. You have two minutes to pitch a story in Holly-



Julia Ormand in Sabrina

you can say: "This movie is like X." and easier still if you can say: This movie actually is X". By sprinkling this pach with some awe for the industry's giants, you can reclassify the project as a

cinematic homage.

The remarkable thing is that film vaults are rifled in spite of the fact that most critical and boxoffice evidence suggests that financial fortune favours the brave. Original scripts — Pulp Fiction,

have been the big earners in recent years.

The Hollywood recycling factory

- a sort of real-life version of the movie Groundhog Day, in which TV weatherman Bill Murray is condemned to relive the same day over and over again - wouldn't be so bad if Hollywood were not the main arbiter of cultural life today. Its malign déjà-vu influence has spread. We can see it in the Forties fashions that have just been paraded up and down the catwalks of the Paris shows, and in the Sixties revival of everything from Beatlemania to lava lamps.

It comes as little surprise that wild-child Tarantino has become the latest movie-maker to twig that if you're going to remake some-thing, you might as well pick the best: Shakespeare. What more could Hollywood want than a story that has riveted audiences for 400 years? Tarantino has his eye on Macheth.

You can already imagine John Fravolta and Samuel Jackson in the roles of Macbeth and Macduff, discussing what they call a Mc-Donald's quarterpounder with cheese in France. The script will only need slight retuning to

Macduff: Woah, some goddamn

sonovabitch has taken out our royal master. Lady Macheth: Numero Uno

dead? You're kidding me, right? Jeez! In our house? Under our own goddamn roof? There's no way the boss is gonna dig on this. Can you bear to wait for the premiere? I can, 100.

Old father time

HOW COME more men are choosing not to have children until they are in their forties and fifties? Obviously because the earlier years of a man's life are busy with more intellectually enthralling ex-periences — like realising how easy it is for a chat about Proust and the power of memory to become so stimulating that, within a very minutes, every man in the pub is taking part in a bloody fistfight about who scored the winning goal in last year's Cup Final. But, as Cary Grant and Charlie Chaplin found, being a pensioner parent has more going for it than

you might at first imagine. For example, grandparents spend half their evenings and

weekends babysitting for their grandchildren. Men have realised that if they delay starting a family long enough, they will still spend changing nappies, but at least they will have had 40 years of freedom

Being an older parent means that you will probably be better off, financially, than you would have been as a father at 22. This means that you and your young family can enjoy the comforts that cash can buy: so when you fly to the Caribbean on holiday, you will be able to afford club class seats for yourself, leaving it up to the air hostesses in economy to keep the children amused on the eight-hour

flight to St Lucia.

Having long since lost your own teeth, sucking up the leftovers of a jar of "turkey and winter vegetable dinner" is also a more appetising prospect than it would be if you were 30 and hankered for steak.

While watching old videos of Watch With Mother when you are 22 is merely depressing, watching them at 46 is called cultural nostalgia and thus becomes a fit subject for dinner-party talk with other 46-year-old fathers.

And finally a mature parent. realising that the world is a brutish place and that life is challenging enough, is less likely name his daughter Fifi-

Julia Llewellyn Smith talks to three mothers faced with a choice over Down's syndrome

The baby dilemma that won't go away

months pregnant and excitedly preparing for the new baby. She was totally unprepared for the shattering news she was about to hear. Gently, the midwife explained that the er than average risk of having results of a routine blood test a Down's child. showed that there was a higher than average chance Mrs Cope was carrying a child with Down's syndrome.

"I was in shock," says Mrs Cope, 35, a classroom supervisor. When I took the test I didn't take it seriously. It was was being told that I had a one in 130 chance of a baby with a defect. All I could think was there's something wrong with

Modern medicine has brought women more choices than ever before, choices which, rather than reassuring. us, can bring responsibility and fear. Most women think they would be fools to turn down a test that shows if they are carrying a child with abnormalities. But those who want this extra choice must realise that they may be letting themselves in for more serious tests and weeks of worry as they wait for the results.

ing sheep

Decision: follows four preg-nant women who must make thèse choices. Mrs Cope, who appears in the programme. had had a serum screening test (a blood test), offered by most health authorities, which identifies women with a high-

Once, only women over 35 were asked if they wanted to test for Down's: now, any pregnant woman has this choice, a logical step given that two-thirds of Down's babies

One woman in 20 who take be found to have a higher than average risk. She must then quickly decide if she wants an amniocentesis (to remove and test the amniotic fluid in the womb), which can definitely diagnose Down's, but which carries a one in 100 chance of causing a miscarriage.

Of the women who have an amniocentesis, one in 60 will be carrying a Down's child. She must then choose whether to have the baby or, as the vast majority do, to terminate. The whole thing made me

quite ill," Mrs Cope says. "If I had the amniocentesis I risked a miscarriage, but if I didn't I was left with all this uncertain-



Julie Cope with Alexander, Tabitha Wilson with Chloe

excellent counselling, but they couldn't tell me not to worry. because there was a tiny chance that I did need to."

After two days of agonised decision-making, Mrs Cope chose the amniocentesis. wasn't for me, because even if the baby had had Down's, I would have wanted it. But my husband felt he needed to know. He's a policeman and has a very stressful job. He couldn't bear the thought of

"I was at greater risk of

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The Decision, says: "Many women go through needless

agony as a result of these tests. They have been bonding with

the child they are carrying and

suddenly they have to detach

themselves, to try to stop

feeling anything for it. in case an abnormality is

detected and they

decide to termi-

Even women

whose results show

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ty. The hospital gave me having a miscarriage as a result of the amniocentesis than of having a baby with Down's. But still I felt that I had no choice but to go through with it."

The result showed no abnormalities and a few months later Mrs Cope had a healthy son, Alexander. through a great deal of unnecessary worry," she says. "I would never have those tests again and I would not recommend anyone else to have waiting until the birth. them either." Gill Barnes, the producer of

could not cope with another handicapped child. "We love Rosie so much and we would not be without her, yet she does need a lot of attention, which another child with special needs would take away. Then there were the needs of my husband; the strain of having another Down's child would have been too much for him to bear."

Despite these fears, Mrs Wilson refused to have any blood tests, opting only for a detailed scan, a view which

amazed many people. and I didn't want an amniocentesis because of the risk of miscarriage. I had to fight all the way through for the doctors not to give me tests."

he says: "One doctor told me: 'So you will be having the tests. seeing you have a handicapped child already.' I said 'No. I won't,' and he looked up in horror and said But of course you must! You can't have two handicapped children! They treated us like a statistic, they hadn't found out about our circumstances. When I gave birth to a healthy daughter, Chloe, the relief was

enormous." Sharon Gillett also chose not to have an amniocentesis, even though her blood test showed that she had a one in seven chance of a Down's baby. "Everyone was shocked that we didn't want to know."

had no choice but to go

'I felt I

ing tests are only 60 per cent accurate and can provide false reas-Tabitha Wilson,

29, took the tests five years ago, when she was pregnant with her, daughter, Rosie. She learnt she had a one in 1,200 risk of a Down's child. Rosie, now four, was that one in

1,200. "They don't stop to tell you what they are doing, and what the results will mean," Mrs Wilson says. "I was foolishly certain that everything would be fine and I went on blithely through pregnancy. When Rosie was born I went through a long period of anger that the

system had let me down." When Mrs Wilson became pregnant again last year, she knew that she was likely to be carrying another Down's

says Mrs Gillett, 42. "At first the hospital put pressure on us to have an amniocentesis. but then honoured

thoughts and

through with it'

"Hearing that increasingly accurate, alwe had a one in though they will never be able to identify every woman carry-ing a Down's child. "Women seven chance was like a bombshell. must understand that even if But my husband and I had disthey are identified as being at cussed the pros a low risk, they are still not in and cons and we'd decided that Down's babies were lovethe clear," Professor Wald says. "The Royal College of ly. Whatever the result, we Obstetricians recommends that all women who take the

matter of course.

asked if she was OK, we were

so excited we never gave a

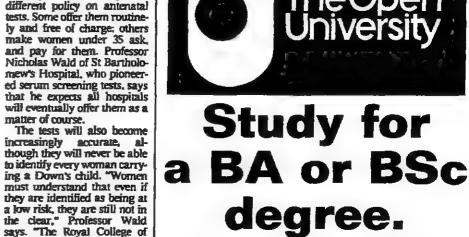
Every health authority has a

thought to it."

wouldn't have terminated and we weren't prepared to risk the tests are made aware of this. "Screening does not reduce anxiety, it creates it." he says. miscarriage.
"I didn't want to know in "It is not intended to reassure advance, because one woman with a Down's child told me you, in fact it will almost that knowledge had robbed certainly have the opposite effect. You have to accept that her of her pregnancy. We decided to enjoy ourselves, to if you want to reduce the chance of having a baby with Down's, you will have to take the cost. I think in the end put all worries to the backs of

our minds but to find out as much as possible about Down's, so we would be most people do want to feel prepared for anything." they have that choice." Mrs Gillett gave birth to a The Decision is on Channel healthy daughter, Kelly. When she arrived, we never

4 tonight at 9pm.



Sharon Gillett with husband. Dean, and daughter, Kelly: "I didn't want to have a test"

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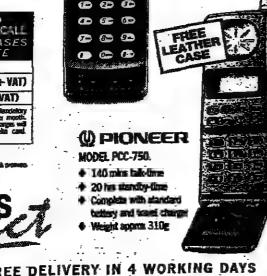
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Selection without rejection

Magnus Linklater on the basis of

Scotland's educational success

Olitical fallout from the Harriet Harman affair has begun to settle on an area where school selection is a forbidden concept: Scotland. Here the idea that education should be equally accessible to all is universal, performance of school-leavers a maiter for self-congratulation, and the merits of the comprehensive system are widely extolled. Here, it is claimed, Ms Harman would have had no need to exercise parental choice. Scottish education, as the late John Smith often proclaimed, is said to be the best in Britain, and his successor, Tony Blair, looking round his Shadow Cabinet colleagues, would find no cause to doubt it: George Robertson, Gordon Brown, Robin Cook, Donald Dewar Tom Clarke - every one is a product of an education system used by all save a small minority.

True? Possibly, but only up to a point. Why, otherwise, should a Scottish Office minister have felt the need to announce last week that he was setting up an inquiry into the management of Scottish schools, with particular reference to selection? Raymond Robertson, MP, said that he

was asking his inspectors to look at "the respective merits of mixedability classes, setting and streaming. It will not be considering selection into schools but rather the use of selection within schools". His inquiry is probably ustified. There are

no grounds for complacency. Scotland has every bit as great a problem with crumbting schools and crowded classes as England. Parents still apply for places outside their catchment areas, or move to where there are better schools; there has been little attempt to root out bad teachers; resources are strained, and now, with the reorganisation of local government; hundreds of teaching jobs are

Nonetheless, no one (least of all Mr Robertson himself) would seriously argue that there should be a return to au overtly selective system. It would be political suicide. The commitment to a universally available education goes deep, and dates back to the landand dates back to mark Scottish Education Act of 1872, which offered every child the means to proceed from the parish to the burgh school and thence to university. Today it is still the case that nearly 40 per cent of Scottish pupils go on to higher education, compared to England's 30 per cent — and the gap is widening. What is more, there is very little anobbery about fee-paying schools, save perhaps in the Muriel Spark sense in Edinburgh. here the superiority of certain establishments is a matter of fierce debate. Only 4 per-cent of the Scottish population is privately educated, com-

pared to twice that proportion Far from being a dirty word, the term "comprehensive" is a matter of some pride. Not so long ago the headmaster of an Edinburgh fee-paying school-boasted that his establishment was genuinely comprehensive

because it offered as many assisted places and scholarships as possible to those who could not afford to pay.

Parents who can pay frequently choose the nearest. state school in preference to the private one, and those making their way up a career ladder will find it no disadvantage whatsoever to claim a background at Bearsden Academy or James Gillespie's. rather than, say, fee-paying Fettes or Glenalmond. It is perhaps for this reason that when the Government announced its "opt-out" policy, offering schools the chance to deal directly with the Scottish Office rather than with their local authority, just one school in the whole of Scotland came forward. That has since risen to two, with another possibly in the offing — but it has hardly been a headlong rush.

It would of course be absurd to suggest that there are no differences in standards between state schools in Scotland. There are serious worries about low academic petformances, truancy rates, and all the problems associated with urban education. But the gap between best and worst is smaller than in most English

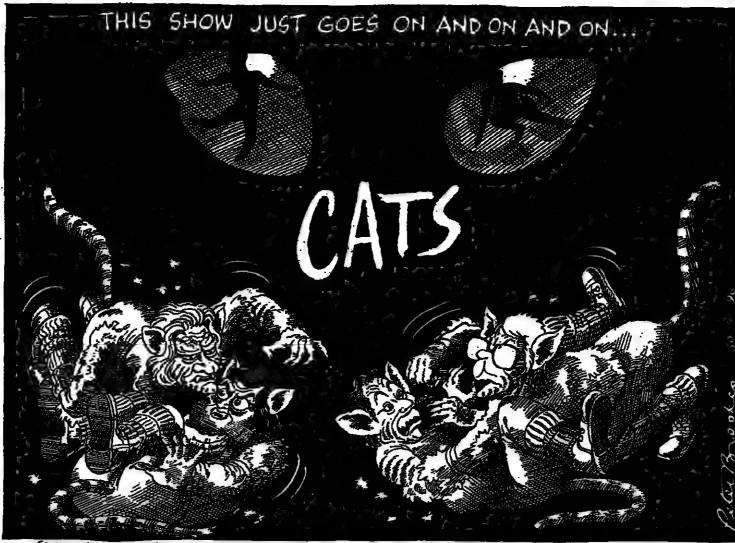
cities, and it is interesting to note that when appointments fall va-Fewer are cant, head teachers casily beeducated tween the lowest privately, forming schools. In anticipation of the but more go changes that will to university take place when local government

reforms come in this year, an association of heads has been formed to ensure that there is support for struggling comprehensives.

The real irony of the Scottish system is that Scottish Secretary, Walter Elliot, called "a heritage of democratic intellectualism", selec tion lies at the core. A highly flexible internal procedure is operated by the teachers themselves. "Setting" and "streaming", which grades pupils according to ability, is inberent in the new 5-14 programme which guides pupils from the primary through to the sec-ondary system. It allows them to join any one of five different particularly for English and mathematics, but it does not consign them forever to one particular stream. Inevitably, it means that testing, which has aroused such opposition south of the border, is a basic part of the Scottish system.

So although Scotland boasts a fair and egalitarian ap-proach to education, it is in some ways nearer to what the Tories would like to see in England than the system that Labour claims it wishes eventually to introduce. Spotting the brighter pupil and helping him or her to forge ahead is central to it. And if Mr Blair, who himself went to Fettes, wants to know more about it. he could ask Messrs Brown. Cook et al. All of them are products of the highly selective system which pre-dated com-prehensives in Scotland. All were educated in the kind of place Ms Harman would be

absolutely delighted with.



('Cats' is the longest-running musical ever in London or on Broadway...)

A Juliet from Braintree

new year, millions of us watched the BBC dramatisation of Rumer Godden's novel The Peacock Spring. It deals with an English schoolgirl in India, daughter of a British official. Dismayed by his sordid manoeuvrings to pass his mistress off as her tutor and by the racial snobberies, she befriends the under-gardener. They elope; the full weight of the Establishment is de-ployed to get her back, terrify her young man into abandoning her, and force an abortion. The child turns on her father with the timeless accusation of youth to age: "We had something beautiful, and you have made it ugly." In soft focus, with an edging of Raj nostalgia, she carried

our sympathy all the way, and never mind the age of consent How curious, then, that while we wallowed in this variant on the Romeo and Juliet story, Sarah Cook of Essex, aged 13, was living it. Since October, indeed, she has been living with the family of Musa Komeagac, a Turkish teenager, in the small town of Kahramarımaras. Since her not-quitelegal "wedding", she has shared a tiny flat with the family, with little privacy or comfort. She has covered her head, kept Ramadan, and spent the days helping her mother in law, Esma, with housework and learning the rituals of Islam. Three mouths on, she insists she is happy. And, poignantly, the big lumpish girl has told the world that in Britain she felt ugly but in Turkey she feels beautiful because she is loved. Teenagers in her home town blithely confirm to reporters that everyone was horrible to her because

she was fat and had ginger hair". Sarah went on sweeping, learning to pray, making love and feeling beautiful for long weeks unmolested. Her headmaster went to the social services, who confronted her parents; before the "wedding", it is reported, they had decided to do nothing as long as Musa's parents undertook to make Sarah do her schoolwork. But now the issue has escalated into what E.M. Forster called "telegrams and anger". Musa is in prison for statutory rape, Sarah is a ward of court, the two Governments are sending one another tense little messages, and the headscarved bride is hugging dear old Esma and kissing the Koran in public defiance of the lot of them. Faced with this extraordinary situ-

ation, in which a stout but masterful

child deliberately casts aside home,

family, education, culture and even

Britain has so little to offer Sarah Cook

that her marriage at 13 is no surprise

Christmas Day, we British did what frivolous said: "Sarah has thrown we do best: we gobbled with indigna-tion. Sarah's age was the most obvious target. It is, of course, acceptable in our culture for tecnage magazines to instruct 11-year-olds how to per-form oral sex, and for 13-year-olds to be put on the Pill without parental knowledge. But this was different. Some early commentators blamed Sarah's situation on the "sexualisation" of our children and the bornbardment of sleazily alluring childwoman images - which are indeed, any fool can see, loathsome.

But such attacks falter when consider the strict religious and social code this particular child has embraced, and her explicit rejection of groovy, sexy and druggy teenage world which in any case had always found her -

fat, ginger-haired, rather beneath its notice. Whatever Sarah Cook has embraced, 13 years old, alien to the dismal

The gobbling, however, became more intense when her choice of bridegroom was considered. The words "unemployed Muslim waiter have been deployed again and again as if they were a string of insults. Poor boy: he was employed when Sarah met him, and who can blame a seasonal tourist-trade worker for not being busy in January? As for his religion, the sense of creepy horror in newspaper descriptions of Islamic life has been unrivalled since - well, since Jemima Goldsmith married Imran Khan. Then, the papers wailed that Jemima would have to give up her life of decolleté dresses and nightclubs, and she demurely

said that she didn't mind. Now, there have been shocked reports of Turkish television being "meaningless to a girl whose favour-ite show was Neighbours," and headshaking pieces saying that girls of 13 ought not to be taking love seriously, but "listening to E17 and practising kissing in the mirror". Take her off to Top Shop before it's

too late," advised one paper. The less

away her life chances." This child, the consensus has it, should be back at her school deak in Braintree. And, given that her rather dimsounding parents agreed to the escapade, many opine that she ought

to be in council care. What a bleak ending that would be to a youthful dream! Home to Britain; home to more contempt for not looking like Kate Moss, home to a Gradgrind education in a faltering and joyless system, and to the patronising patience of child "experts". Home, perhaps, to unmarried moth-

erhood without the support of the Turks who have be-come her true tank ity. Home to the rymen who have so far given her lit-tle indication that they understand the brave — if rash —

romanticism that made her break out

Tet it is Britain which has failed her, not Turkey. It is easy to be 13 in Britain today and have seen nothing but the tawdry, no hint of splendour or spirituality. C.S. Lewis saw this coming when he described Mark Studdock in That Hideous Strength, a man without either peasant shrewdness or aristocratic tradition, Without either classical or scientific education, a "modern" and a sociologist, in whose mind "not one rag of poble thought, either Christian or Pagan, found a lodging". We are a nation of Studdocks now. If you do not have a family who expose you to good books, high culture and travel, or pass on a religion with old and beautiful scriptures, you are hard pressed at 13 to know where to look

If you live in a blighted atmosphere of sullen, failed materialism; if your folk traditions are long lost, your education is wearyingly focused on paper qualifications and your teachers are disillusioned; if your nation's nomi-

nal religion is a timid and dilute irrel-

evance, your local history concreted over and even the stars are invisible beyond the sodium glare of night-time in the Sainsbury's car park where the Braintree kids hang out then where, Juliet, can you look for what you need? Even if you look for love, you find it has been packaged and declared suitable only for those who fit the tight, unforgiving image of modern beauty. If you look for religion, some unforgiving cult may snap you up and feed you barren

So when you go on holiday and find a blaze of warmth and rooted tradition and Muslim courtesy, a young man who says he loves you and a family that takes you to its bosom with songs and dances, what can stop you turning, like a sunflower, towards the light?

Even her parents were dazzled.

Much patronising comment has been passed about the way that the Cook family came back from their first real foreign boliday in a daze. "He seemed to be really into it, this Turkey place," snifts Mr Cook's brother. "He was constantly talking about how good it was out there and how he'd like to pack up and move." Unlike Spain, Turkey has not yet lost its innocence or its willingness to welcome outsiders. Even package tourists are not yet corralled into Costas with Englishstyle pubs, away from local life. The Turks are hospitable and curious: a few years ago, travelling with two small children, we found ourselves solicited by a boy called ishmeel to walk un a mountain and see his Granny. So we did. Granny made us flat bread in her hands, over a hot stone; Ishmael's sister showed us how she spun yarn on a spiked ball, and they all laughed at our baby as she stared out their goats. We paid a few pence for the bread, but that was never the main point; they were just being sociable, and they blessed us as we parted. Meeting Musa's family, the Cooks trusted them with an immediacy of response which they were probably not in the habit of feeling back in Braintree. In our culture, after all, we are constantly warned

against trusting anybody.

Romantic, utrrealistic? Probably. And on balance I wish that somebody had been able to deflect Sarah Cook from her adventure, because it will plainly end in tears whoever wins. But I also wish it was not so shamingly obvious why a teenager from Britain should wish that she be-

longed in Turkey.

Ennui and the French

Woodrow Wyatt

on the paralysis of

Chirac's France

nusually, the snow was falling heavily in Paris last Friday evening. The slipperiness of the pavements matched the febrile mood of worry and helplessness now affecting France. It was acceptuated in the Forte hotel I stayed in, where the staff reeled at Granada's intention to auction them - and the lift broke down.

There is a feeling that President Chirac keeps changing his policies because he cannot see a way through the financial and emotional crisis. France's balance of trade with the world is favourable, but it is bought at the expense of rising unemployment, which is now approaching 13 per cent. The internal deficit is advancing steadily beyond £40 billion! This is due to years of and cossetting of state employees and overspending under socialist governments. In large parts of the country, up to 43.5 per cent of youths under 25 are unemployed. There is a backlash against immigrants, illegal or otherwise, mainly from Algeria. Two to three hundred cars are burnt in cities throughout France every night in

mindless protest.

The Finance Minister. M Jean Arthuis, whom I met briefly at Vincennes on Sunday, was confident as he gave his views on television on the Prix d'Amerique. France's great trotting race, which attracts far more betting than any flat or jumping horse race. But there is general agreement that his Government's handling of the strikes against cuts in pensions for civil servants and state ndustrial employees was disastrous. Many French railway workers retire at 50 with a pension of more than 70 per cent of full pay. More than 350,000 former rail employees or their dependants are now receiving pensions, whereas only 182,000 are at work. The Government pays £2.67 billion of the £3.6 billion annual rail

The proposal of the Prime Minister, Alain Juppe, that rail und other state workers should work for 40 years before becoming eligible for full retirement benefits, as people in the private sector do, provoked last month's three-week strike, which paralysed the country. in a climbdown, M Juppe withdrew his proposals, but he still plans to cut costs in state health and pension programmes, which is likely to produce a week of union protest in Pebruary. If the Government's attempts to slash what amounts to social welfare spending had succeeded, it would have been good in itself. But the chief purpose was to prepare France to meet the Maastricht requirements for the single currency. As my charming neighbour at d'Ameriques remarked, "We depend completely on Germany." "After all those wars in which Germany so often defeated you and we so often helped you? I inquired. The memo-

Germans, she said. Though there is considerable appreciation of John Major's brave defence of France's nuclear tests, the French correctly see the British as unlikely partners on the road to a single currency and a federal united states of Europe. "You are surrounded by the seas and look more to America than Europe," my elegant neighbour said. "They have outgrown us, but they are our children," replied. They have inherited our laws and our style of democracy and

ries of the battles you won against us

are more bitter than the wars with the

we speak the same language." At the same table, former Minerrand ministers mingled with Chirac ministers. I suspect that they all agreed with my neighbour on the left and the clever lady on my right, the wife of a prominent minister in the former regime, that the British are

h dear, why do we like the French so much more than I they like us? Perhaps it has a little to do with might-have-beens. The French are fascinated by monarchy. They ask endlessly about the Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, for whom there is enormous respect and admiration. They delight in gossip about the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York and minor royals. But being more adult than us in such matters, they see no threat to the Crown from their wayward activities. French Presidents are apt to regard themselves as kings. They are accompanied by more panoply, and simultaneously by more privacy,

than our Sovereign and her family. Temporarily France has lost its customary self-assurance. Several times over the weekend I was pessimistically asked whether I was hopeful about France's future. My answer was that the strength of French exports shows how productive and ingenious they are. The Government has had a setback, but it should not be dismayed. It should try and try again to reform the unions and the crippling social welfare system. It should forget its pride over the franc fort: the present rate of exchange is not sustainable, just as our position in the exchange-rate mechanism was not. The French are hobbled by artificial constraints which I am sure. P·H·S as the logical people they are will sweep away before long. as the logical people they are, they

Shelf death

to be revived. Brompton Ceme-tery's catacombs, which closed their doors to the dead in 1911, are to reopen for "deposits" under the Government's Private Finance Initiative.

A mere bone's throw from Harrods, the catacombs house 1,200 lead-lined coffins (some of them rotting), which are occupied by members of the Victorian bourgeoisie.

Today, the Royal Parks Agency. which runs Brompton Cemetery, will discuss proposals for new immates with graveyard contractors who have responded to its advertisements in funerary

magazines. Among those buried in Brompton Cemetery are the suffra-gette leader Emmeline Pankhurst. John Wisden, who published his first cricketers' almanack in 1864 to promote his sports business, and "Gentleman" John Jackson, a 19thcentury boxer who was hired by George IV as a bouncer at his

But the catacombs were the fashionable alternative to standard burials at Brompton. They all farewell yesterday to the troops

The Royal Parks Agency says there is plenty of shelf-room for more coffins in the catacombs. It is confident of the financial potential — the cost of being entombed in the catacombs is likely to range from £1,500 to £3,000. "The money would be used to restore the catacomb buildings," said one source. "There's still plenty of room for the dead."

Southwark Cathedral, the platform for Tony Blair's speech yester-day in which he voiced his concern over the standards in inner-city schools, was an appropriate choice. Southwark was the original home of Harriet Harman's favourite grammar school, St Olave's now moved to Orpington - and the cathedral still plays host to the school's annual commemoration

Carved up

THINGS ARE looking up for Sir Rocco Forte, who bade an emotionwere a Victorian conceit allow- at his former headquarters in Lon-



don. His car - which he crashed on the eve of Granada's victory over his empire - has just been repaired.

The crash was kept from the press at the time, but Sir Rocco was pootling along in his Daimler by St James's Park in Westminster a couple of Sundays ago. His mind was firmly on Gerry Robinson and Granada when his front door was pranged. Unusually, Rocco had taken to the wheel rather than relying on his chauffeur.

Family first

THE SINGING at Twickenham for the match between Wales and England this Saturday won't be as lusty as usual. Neil "boyo" Kinnock, one of the great songsters of the rugby, is having to put family

The match had been a firm fixture in his diary, but sadly it clashes with a visit to his son's future in-laws. I disclosed last vear that Stephen Kinnock, who works in "economic development" in Brussels, is to marry his Danish girlfriend, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, in Copenhagen. And rugby fixtures are not part of the

Danish consciousness. "Glenys and I are going to Copenhagen to meet the intended inlaws for the first time," says Neil. "To miss the game is breaking my heart, I don't mind telling you."

● As television image-makers tell the Labour Party to shave off their beards, my mind turned once more to Tony Blair's friend Peter Mandelson and his moustache. Talk in Westminster is that he shaved it off when it began going grey. Miraculously, his hair remains inky-black

Ear ear

THE PUNTER'S favourite, Kelvin MacKenzie, former Editor of The Sun and now head honcho at Live TV. treats his employees as he does his own family. His son Haydn can

attest to that. The Kelvinesque initiation ceremony requires arrivals at his Ca- On the first day of rehearsals



Thumbs-up from the Bunny

News Bunny - a character he invented to brighten up bulletins by hopping about behind the news oresenter, and responding to items with a thumbs-up or a thumbs-

Enjoying some work experience in his father's empire. Haydn was reluctant to perform as the bunny. But with a few gentle words and the customary "bollocking", he was soon to be seen bouncing about for Britain

nary Wharf lair to dress up as the vesterday for Harold Pinter's pro-

duction of Twelve Angry Men, one cast member was missing. E.G. Marshall, who played Juror 4 in the classic film of the play starring Henry Fonda, plays the Judge in this West End version. His character doesn't appear on stage, so he was able to record his lines in the comfort of his home in New

Missing you

BRUCE WILLIS was the odd man out at Stocks nightclub in Chelsea's King's Road on Friday. He was lost in a sea of former pupils from Gor-donstoun's sister school in Switzerland, Aiglon College, at the annual reunion.

Despite the sweaty nature of the occasion — Aiglon is a mixed school — the Hollywood hunk was sporting a woolly hat throughout and looked surly behind his moustache and bodyguards. He was there with a friend who had been to the school where Roger Moore and Sophia Loren sent their children. "He turned down my complimentary glass of champagne, and said he wanted a jug of grange juice." says Aziz Suleman of Stocks. "I think he's on a health-kick, and

was missing his wife."



IT TOOK A RAPE

One crime in Okinawa opens a whole box of trouble

The angry citizens of Okinawa, a small island distanced from Japanese political life by history, culture and a wide expanse of sea, have abruptly acquired a central role in America's strategic thinking. The island plays reluctant host to 26,000 of the 48,000 US troops stationed in Japan, on bases which take up a quarter of Okinawa island. For decades, Japanese politicians have all but ignored Okinawan complaints that this disproportionate concentration of US troops treats their land as a "dumping ground". The abduction and rape of a young girl

last September, for which three black American servicemen are on trial, changed that easy indifference overnight. Four fifths of Okinawans are now demanding a steep reduction in US bases; their Governor has refused to renew a clutch of leases; and the movement for Okinawan independence from Japan has surged. In Japan, the public consensus on the US-Japan Security Treaty, unequivocally described by the Pentagon as "the linchpin" of American strategy in Asia. has begun to develop its first serious cracks since the anti-US riots of 1960.

Trapped between the need to respond to popular anger and his Foreign Ministry's well-founded anxiety not to do anything that would open the treaty to question. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the new Japanese Prime Minister, has promised to negotiate the removal of some bases to Japan's "home" islands. But that is easier said than done. Japanese and American officials are struggling to find a compromise before President Clinton arrives in April, for a visit whose centrepiece is supposed to be a joint declaration reaffirming the treaty's central importance in the US-Japanese relationship. But because no municipality in Japan is keen to offer alternative bases, the quest for a solution keeps the Okinawa incident firmly in the headlines.

This is precisely what both sides want to avoid. Any talk of "renegotiation" is anathema to the Pentagon, at a time when voices on Capitol Hill are beginning to question the need to spend \$35 billion on maintaining 100,000 troops in Asia. Critics argue that Japan is quite wealthy enough to assume the costs of its own defence, now that the Soviet threat to Japan is over. If Mr Hashimoto makes the first move, he could find that such arguments developed an unstoppable momentum, with the risk of deep cuts in America's military presence in Asia. For the Japanese Establishment, there is powerful poison in this Pandora's Box, because any change to Japan's total reliance on the American security umbrella would bring into question Article 9 of the country's postwar "peace constitution", under which it renounced the right of belligerence.

The Okinawa incident thus feeds directly into a much broader political debate in Japan on previously taboo subjects such as sovereignty, national responsibility and the conversion of its economic strength into international political influence. Ochiro Ozawa, the leader of the Japanese Opposition, has led this debate, arguing that it is high time for Japan to become "a normal

country" — militarily as well as politically. This debate cannot be wished back into the box. But America and Japan have the strongest mutual interest in caution. The American military presence in Japan is still vital, as a counterbalance to China, a deterrent to North Korea and a necessary reassurance to Japan's Asian neighbours who are already engaged in the world's fastest arms race. Neither can afford to downplay the central strategic argument for the security treaty: it is the only serious force for stability in a region which has yet to put behind it the perils of the Cold War.

COULD DO BETTER

Labour is moving on education, but not far enough

Tony Blair is determined not to give an inch of ground on education to the Tories. After the Harman affair a period of silence on Labour's part might have been welcome, but last night at Southwark Cathedral Mr Blair returned to the offensive. His courage does him credit, but his counter-attack shows that there is still some way to go before his party's education policy finds coherence.

Mr Blair's Southwark speech was not designed to address education only. It was conceived as a thoughtful survey of social issues on the tenth anniversary of the Church of England's report, Faith in the City. Mr Blair sought to sketch out what his stakeholder vision means for social policy and to review how concerns about a fracturing society voiced ten years ago had been met.

But education lay at the the heart of the speech. Knowing how much any comments on schools would attract after the recent battles, Mr Blair rose to the challenge. He outlined new ideas to deal with some of the. difficulties laid bare last week. The debate which followed Harriet Harman's rejection of her local comprehensives had a resonance beyond Westminster because her actions encapsulated widespread parental worries about levelling-down. Mr Blair tried to tackle head-on his chief problem: how to encourage excellence in the state sector,

without conceding the case for selection. His answer is accelerated learning. a means of allowing talented pupils to leap ahead of their classmates and tackle courses appropriate to their abilities, irrespective of age. The recognition that mixed ability

teaching currently fails our most gifted pupils, not to mention those at the bottom, is welcome. But Mr Blair's answer is not wholly convincing. The experience of youthful prodigies mixing with their elders is not a happy one. The precocious may have their minds stretched but they can become impoverished socially, denie i une penents of continuous contact with those who are maturing at the same pace.

A method already exists of ensuring the broad social mix that supporters of state education want, while allowing the able to find their own level. It also, unlike accelerated learning, keeps pupils of similar ages together. It is selection, and it is the uncontested choice of socialists and social democrats across Europe. From Austria to The Netherlands, a consensus underpins a system which shepherds children into the most appropriate school for their abilities and attainments. Rather than transplant an exceptional li-year-old into a group who are much more mature it would place him in a class with children of equal ability, and age.

Mr Blair's bravery may lead him to refight the education battle every week before election day but he will not win so long as he dodges the logic of selection. Ancestral opposition to the crudity of the 11-plus should not stop new Labour from exploring how selection guarantees diversity, fosters specialisation and makes for a more meritocratic society in other modern European states. Mr Blair took on the fundamentalist faction in his party over common ownership: he should do the same on comprehensives.

AN EXILED MIND

Gratitude to a great Russian who taught us English

When the Russian poet and critic Joseph Brodsky died in New York on Sunday, so did the teacher of Helen Handley and Ann Sherrill Pyne, just two of the English-speaking students who learnt from him about their own poetry, their own language and each other. Although Brodsky has been justly celebrated at his death as a Nobel laureate, prison-camp survivor and, in the words of The Times obituary today, "the great postwar poet of memory", to these two women from Columbia University he was also the thick-voiced foreigner who taught them about W. H. Auden. And in teaching about Auden, he taught about how to write, how to live and how living and writing are linked.

Brodsky became most famous in America for the essay Less Than One, which described his childhood consciousness of communism in Leningrad. But in the same essay collection there was also an extraordinary lecture on Auden's poem. September 1, 1939. part of a poetry course which Brodsky created for his new countrymen after he was expelled from the Soviet Union in 1972. This was the piece which Handley and Pyne took the trouble to record and transcribe. Brodsky would surely not have considered it his finest memorial but, in a curious way, it has its claim: within this work of teaching lies all the strength of discipline, detail and authority with which the rescued Russian exile can

reward those who rescued him. Auden was himself one of the first to receive Brodsky in America. One wartime refugee found the will to help another. Auden had written September 1, 1939 in his great series of explorations of Europe from the US: in the course of the work. Auden cites a third great political and literary exile, the Athenian historian Thucydides. Brodsky, drawing on his Russian imprisonment and his harsh separation from his family, piles up a mountain of wisdom on democracy, morality and literature - then brazenly displays it for his students.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to set against Brodsky's early death is the reason it gives us to read his words again - complete with their poor pedagogic jokes, ironic hauteurs and barely concealed Slavic accent. This column is not the place to distil his essence. If we tried to compress the meaning of Auden for Brodsky into the next hundred words, we would be claiming powers that we do not have - an act worthy of a sneer from both poets and from Thucydides too.

But no reader, then or now, could miss Brodsky's rare and supreme confidence in the hard work of critical understanding: how he lectured his students on the essentials of poetry, the way that "rhyme turns an idea into law", the way that nouns can be rhymed but "verbs you shouldn't, and rhyming adjectives is taboo"; how he sensed his listeners' peace-born contempt for past events ("well, a little bit of history shouldn't hurt, should it?") and challenged them with their carelessness ("the author of this poem. as you already know, having been made to

learn it, is a critic of this century"). He never deviated from his conviction that the teaching of his chosen poem was important. When he linked Auden's criticism of this century with Auden's self-criticism, he concluded: "If you think that there are other recipes for successful poetic operation, you are in for oblivion." No student of Brodsky has an excuse for critical oblivion. Nor will that exiled mind face oblivion itself - not for as long as some men and women read and others are driven by politics from their homes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Flaws of principle in draft new BBC Charter

From Mrs Jocelyn Hay and others

Sir. We should heed the warning by the Bishop of Southwark and other peers, given in the Lords on January 9, that the arrangements to represent the regions of England proposed in the draft new BBC Charter are unfair and inadequate.

These proposals would remove both the existing advisory bodies for England and the BBC General Advisory Council - a nationwide body on which all regions of England have been well represented, as well as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Each of the three latter countries would retain its own broadcasting council and, although some of the powers of these councils would be withdrawn to the BBC board of governors, each would keep a representative governor on the board and a right to oe consulted about programmes and policies in their respective countries.

In its 1994 White Paper on the future of the BBC the Government rejected such a council for England. Instead, last February, the then Under Secretary of State at the Department of National Heritage, Mr Iain Sproat, promised the Commons that England would have ten regional councils and that their chairmen would, together. constitute an English Regional Forum. However, the BBC has since blocked the creation of such a forum, and only the regional councils appear in the new draft Charter. Mr Sproat's alternative bodies will thus be power-

A Charter provision establishing a forum for the regions of England

would provide a powerful force to counter an increasing tendency to centralism within the BBC. Such a forum would place regional broadcasting at the heart of the corporation's policymaking, and it would help to prevent resentment if the three existing national governors act in concert on regional

The Government should ignore the BBC's ambivalence. It should take the advice given in the Lords and make proper provision for England before e Charter returns to the Commons in a few weeks' time.

Yours faithfully JOCELYN HAY loice of the Listener and Viewers. NIGEL SMITH

MHAIRI BEYNON OWEN The Broadcasting Campaign for Walest. Voice of the Listener and Viewer.

101 King's Drive, Gravesend, Kent. January 26.

From Mr Neil Fraser

Sir, The Government intends that the BBC's new Charter will make it more accountable to its audiences. The BBC's initial response suggests this result is far from asssured.

The Charter would require the BBC to publish each year a statement of promises to audiences, along the lines of the Citizen's Charter. It would set specific targets and objectives for the BBC's national UK services and be used to monitor performance. The BBC would be allowed to change the statement, but only after further con sultation with its audiences.

As a new mechanism, its existence in the Charter, let alone its potential. are not widely appreciated. Anticipating this, the then Under Secretary of State at the Department of National Heritage, Viscount Astor, wrote to us in March 1995:

We intend that a model of the Statement of Promises should be laid in broad outline before Parliament at the same time as the new draft Charter and Agreement. My officials are currently discussing with the BBC the nature of the commitments in the Agreement, and the detailed content of the State ment of Promises

Last November the BBC produced this vague "model" statement, lacking detail on children's programming, education or any of the yardsticks on regional broadcasting we have been led to expect by the Secretary of State for National Heritage. There seems to have been little consultation within the BBC, certainly none outside it. It appears that the board of governors may not have seen or approved it.

if, at the outset, this unacceptable model is allowed to set the standard, the statement of promises will be of little practical value to audiences and its potential squandered. The BBC ought to make good this lapse by giving some early public assurance as to how it will consult widely before publishing the first statement.

Yours sincerely, **NEIL FRASER** (Treasurer), Broadcasting for Scotland, 74 Victoria Crescent Road, Glasgow. January 26.

Victims of crime

From Mrs Marian Cohen

Sir, I have just heard Mr Michael Heseltine speak of the Conservative Party's sympathy for victims of crime (report, January 29).

Why then is it about to reduce the levels of compensation payments to victims of unprovoked attacks by reducing the level of payments made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Soard?

Yours faithfully, MAKIAN COHEN, Montague Lambert & Co (Solicitors), 37-38 Haven Green, Ealing, W5. January 29.

Irish peace process

From Mr R. D. Jackson.

Sir, Mr Barry Lillis (letter, January 29) points to the "simplicity" of Lloyd George's truce offer to the iRA in 1921. There is only one response: yes, and look what has happened in the intervening 64 years. Yours faithfully.

R. D. JACKSON. Downend. Hopgarden Lane. Sevenoaks, Kent. January 29.

Disk trouble

From Mr Philip Warner

Sir, It looks to me as though Mr Simon Dobbs, who is daunted by the cost of "backing up" his computer (letter. January 24), has not been well advised.

However large his hard disk, he need only back up any "data" (the last pages of his novel, his accounts, this week's payroll) that may have changed since the previous back-up. This will probably take a few seconds and barely fill one small diskette. He then puts this somewhere else, not beside the computer, in case of an office fire. A computer can easily be set up to remind one to do this before

switching it off. His hard disk may be filled with many megabytes of "applications" this word processor program, spread-sheet program, "windows", etc., but these need not be backed up. Their unchanging duplicates are still on the disks in the boxes in which (we hope) he legally bought them. He can easily instal these on another computer if he

Writing this counsel of perfection reminds me that I have not backed up for weeks. The longer a hard disk seems to be working perfectly, the less one nervously backs up. Then, one morning ... crash!

Yours sincerely PHILIP WARNER, Sherborne House, Lakewood Road, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

From Mr Frank Pert

Sir, Mr Dobbs suggests that it would cost about £300 to back up everything on his 500-megabyte disk. In my experience there are several excellent utilities programs on the market which perform the tiresome job, all costing well under £100. As a heavyduty computer user I have frequently been grateful for my affordable backup system.

Yours faithfully, F. M. PERT. Brook House, 3 Craig Walk, Windermere, Cumbria. January 24.

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Prison staffing

From the Editor of The Prisoners'

Sir, The announcement that the Prison Service is to cut the number of prison officers by almost 3,000 (report, later editions, January 27) will have a profound effect on control inside our penal system: and the tragedy is that a more effective solution to the problem of overstaffing is already well known.

The working practices of the English Prison Service have long been the dictate of the Prison Officers Association. Despite the fact that less than 20 per cent of prison officers actually work with prisoners in the cell blocks, all officers are on one unified pay grade, on average £18,000. Increments above the basic level are dependent not so much on responsibility as

length of service. Paying all these officers at the same rate, when only a small proportion actually deal directly with prisoners, is at the root of the massive problem of staffing costs.

A year ago the Scottish Prison Service tackled this problem by introducing a radical restructuring which placed prison officers into one of five pay bands; those in the cell blocks who took the most risks received the most money while those, for example, who manned the prison gate received less - meaning cuts in pay of up to £5.000 per annum

Had the Home Secretary adopted this approach, there would be no need for these inept staffing cuts. Given that the Strangeways riot in 1990 cost the taxpayer almost £60 million, these cuts will probably result in far more current figures suggest they will ever

MARK LEECH. Editor, The Prisoners' Handbook, PO Box 27. Kingswood, Bristol BSI5 4BX.

US orchestras

From Mr Humphrey Burton

Sir. In attempting a trans-continental survey of American orchestral life "Five go in search of their former glory". Arts, January 25) your correspondent Jamie James was forced back on generalisations which are contradicted by my own recent experience.

Far from losing its lustre, the Boston Symphony Orchestra recently con-firmed its position as the world's foremost commissioner of orchestral music - a subject not discussed in your report - by giving several confident and sensitive performances of Sir Michael Tippen's latest and reportedly last composition. The Rose

The composer was present both in Boston and at New York's Carnegie Hall: the standing ovations he re-ceived were heartfelt, and his gratitude to the Bostonians and their devoted music director Seiji Ozawa appeared equally profound. A few days later, also at Carnegie Hall, I heard another distinguished

American orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony, whose recent achieve-ments were inexplicably overlooked by your correspondent. During his ten-year tenure as music director, now coming to a climax with a major European tour, Lorin Maazel has developed Pinsburgh - of whose violin section he was once a teenage member
— into an ensemble that can claim equal status with the so-called Big Five [New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Phila-

delphia. Boston). Conductors, one can't help feeling, transform good orchestras into great ones: in Ozawa and Maazel, Boston and Pittsburgh have benefited incalculably from the presence of two of the world's best.

Yours sincerely, HUMPHREY BURTON. 123 Oakwood Court, W14. January 26.

Ten years on ... From Lord Rix

Sir, You remind us in your feature. "And then it was up to us" (January 26), that ten years ago, when the paper was first compiled at Wapping, there was a leader where every full stop was followed by a new paragraph. May I remind you that opposite that editorial was an article by me (in my then capacity as secretary general of Men-cap) headed "Give charity basic re-

lief", whose typography was correct in every detail, down to the last sentence. In this article, I pleaded with the Treasury that "individuals and businesses who make contributions to charitable organisations would all be allowed to set these off against taxable income, without following the cov-

I'm happy to report that the Chan-

cellor of the day - Nigel Lawson must have been reading that first Wapping issue, for he clearly agreed with my suggestion that "all it needs is the Chancellor to recognise the bene-fits bestowed and it could be part of

were taken in the direction of payroll giving and gift-aid.

the years but with the fundamental change in income tax just around the corner, involving self-assessment, how splendid it would be if all gifts. from the widow's mite to the tycoon's tens of millions, could be free of minimum and maximum restrictions.

day, often against the odds and fre-

Family businesses

enant mute".

Sir. Three cheers for the entrepreneurial spirit of Mr Alfred Forte who admits that "selling ice-cream in Berwick at this time of the year is not the easiest way of making a living (report, January 26). Mr Forte, second cousin of Sir Rocco, apparently runs a small family-owned ice-cream parlour and case in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

His business, like so many "Mom & Pop" establishments, has survived 75 years through the Depression, the Second World War and the "stop-go cycle" since 1945.

Mr and Mrs Forte (Northumberland branch) surely stand as a tribute to the thousands of small businessmen and women working all hours of the this year's Budget" It was, and the first faltering steps

Improvements have followed over

BRIAN RIX (Chairman, Mencap). House of Lords. January 36.

quently for poor returns.

From Mr John Raybould

Not gainsaying Sir Rocco and Lord Forte's obvious success, their northern cousins represent. I feel, the rich diversity and traditional enterprise of our "nation of shopkeepers" down the As our high streets rapidly lose their

old, familiar names to the march of the multiples, we must all continue to patronise our local, small businesses, which are still, as Adam Smith wrote 220 years ago, the backbone of our society.

Yours sincerely. JOHN RAYBOULD. The Old Vicarage. High Street, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex January 26.

Lottery grants for individual merit

From Mr H. H. Shaw

Sir, The change of rules to allow individual sporting and artistic grants from the National Lottery (reports. January 23) should, I believe, be can-

celled or amended. There is no more selfish pursuit than that of personal excellence, whether as an artist or an athlete. However good for the nation sport or "culture" may be, those engaged perform primarily for their own success and self-esteem, often putting all other

considerations aside. Those successfully engaged in sport and theatre are gathering cash and kudos to themselves these days at a staggering rate. Why should public money be poured into personal sponsorship? If the performance is good enough, commercial sponsorship will

Capital grants offer facilities for all. Personal grants will reduce the amounts available for capital projects.

Yours sincerely. H. H. SHAW, 8 The Toppings, Bredbury, Stockport, Greater Manchester.

From Mr Howard Royse

Sir. Mrs Bottomley's announcement of lottery grants for the training of sportsmen and sportswomen is to be welcomed, but with some reservation.

Many people in the United Kingdom are sick and tired at the recur-

rence of "black weekends" when our

national teams are beaten at football. cricket and rugby. If spending money is the solution, then so be it. However, it may be the case that our sporting skills are too thinly spread, from the profusion of minority sports in the last 20 years or so. The lottery money should be restricted to those mainstream sports at which we are traditionally competitive - a short list, perhaps, of the three aforementioned sports plus athletics and other

Olympic events. Leave the rest to the plucky amateurs. Yours faithfully. HOWARD ROYSE, Birchfield Gardens, Mulbarton, Norwich, Norfolk,

From Mr Andrew M. Clark Sir. The news about lottery substate for upcoming sportsmen and artistes has left me wondering where the executors of this phenomenal financial re-

source get their priorities from. The young people dropping out of third-level education nowadays because of student loans and reduced grants could, to my mind, have had the potential to contribute more to society than another mention in The

Guinness Book of Records. Yours faithfully. A. M. CLARK, 10 Glenn Park, Portstewart, Co Londonderry. January 23.

Sport on TV

From Mr Richard Amos Sir. Snooker is the only sport I would miss if it were not shown on TV and for this I will happily pay the £5 levy (letters, January 27).

But how many of us are there who would willingly pay an opera levy? Yours faithfully, RICHARD AMOS.

Bishops' residences

Mellis Common, Eye, Suffolk.

From the Bishop of Exeter

Sunnyside,

January 29.

Sir. I was pleased to see Mr Ancrum Evans's letter on bishops' residences January 18) giving the opposite view to the Reverend Francis Bown's, alleging failure to use them for enter-

taining and supporting the clergy.
In 1994 the count of parish clergy and their spouses coming into this house and grounds for sit-down meals was 146 and for light refreshments 501. The overall total of those who came that year for hospitality, business, and community and cultural events was 5,065.

Knowing my colleagues as I do, I have no reason to suppose that these figures are anything but average for such premises.

Yours faithfully, THEWLETT EXON:, The Palace, Exeter, Devon. January 19.

No maiden flight

From Mr George Speaight

Sir, May I correct a small error in your obituary of Giles Playfair (January 24)? Although Giles was one of the only two members of the Oxford University Balloon Union, he did not actually ascend with Tallulah Bankhead in its inaugural (and only) flight in, I think, 1930.

Although Miss Bankhead is said to

have asked Giles's father, Sir Nigel Playfair, to "call me Balloonah", the only passenger on that occasion was the union's other member, my late brother Hugh.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE SPEAIGHT, 6 Maze Road, Kew Gardens. Richmond, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 29: The Princess Royal this evening departed from Royal Air Force Brize Norton to visit the Falkland Islands. Lieutenant Colonel Peter

the Hon Timothy Elworthy are in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE January 29: The Princess of

Gibbs and Air Commodore KENSINGTON PALACE January 29: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester today received Señora Zedillo and

Today's royal

engagements Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will visit J C Bamford Emayators, Rocester, at 12.15 and will receive a cheque for money raised by employees for the society. Mid-Staffordshire branch

Today's events The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Meg Fitzalan Howard will be held at the Guards Chapel. Wellington Barracks, on day, March 27, at noon.

St Aubyns, Rottingdean

Old Boys are reminded that a special fund is available to belp with the education of a sun. daughter or grandchild of an Old Boy of the school. Details are obtainable from the Headma Julian James (01273 302170).

Fruiterers' Company

Sir Rowland Whitehead, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, has pre-sented medals and diplomas to the 1995 Marden Pruit Show winners Best exhibit of dessert apple (Spartan) Mr Mathew Wilson; best exhibit of culinary apples (Bramley) Mr John Bardsley, best exhibit of pears (Commice) Mrs Pat Thompsett.

Meeting

Royal Over-Sent League The Jamalean High Commissioner was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James s. Mr Robert Newell presided:

Birthdays today

Sir Herbert Ashworth, former

chairman, Nationwide Building

Society, 86: Mr Jack Bowman

Señora de Rozental.

Wales this afternoon attended

a Luncheon given by the Association of American Cor-

respondents in London at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street,

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Dinners

Inter-Parliamentary Union Dame Jill Knight, Chairman of the British group of the Inter-Par-liamentary Union, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Royal Horseguards Hotel in hon-our of a Parliamentary Delegation from Iceland led by Mr Geir

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Wynford Evans, and the Recorder of the City of Cardiff, Judge Michael Gibbon, were present at a dinner held by the Club at Cardiff Castle last night in honour of the French Ambassador, M Jean Gueguinou. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Timothy H. Davies, presided. Thoracy Island Society

Mr David Welch, Chief Executive of the Royal Parks, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Thorney Island Society held last night at the Basil Street Hotel. Miss June Stubbs, chairman of the society,

Utley Memorial Awards offer £4,000 in prizes

Aspiring journalists still at school or university can win 64,000 in prize money in this year's T.E. Utley Memorial Awards, set up in 1988 in memory of the distin-guished political journalist.

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Michael Rizzello, the sculptor, with his bronze portrait plaque of Nancy Astor, which was unveiled last night by the Speaker in the State Apartments of Speaker's House in Westminster. On December 1, 1919, Nancy Astor became the first woman to sit in Parliament. She represented the Sutton division of Plymouth for 25 years until her retirement in 1945. The bronze relief was commissioned for the House of Commons by the Astor family.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Villiers, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, statesman, Westminster, 1628; Walter Savage Landor, writer, Warwick, 1775; Sir Seymour Hicks, actor-manager, St. Helier, Jersey, 1871; Franklin D. Rooseveit, 32nd American Presidem 1933-45, New York, 1882. DEATHS: King Charles I, reigner 1625-49, executed, Whitehall, London, 1649; Orville Wright, pioneer aviator, Dayton, Ohio, 1948: Mahatma Gandhi, Indian

political and religious leader, assassinated, New Delhi, 1948; François Poulene, composer, Paris. A Nazi Government, led by Hitler, The state funeral of Winston Churchill took place, London, 1965. The Vietcong captured the American Embassy in Saigon, 1968. Troops killed 13 people during riots in Londonderry in what became known as "Bloody Sun-

Glovers' Company

dsy", 1972.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Sir Peter and Lady Levene, were presented with gioves by Mr Alan Fishman, Master of the Glovers' Company, at a luncheon held yesterday at Fishmanescre Hall. rishmongers' Hall.

The Lord Mayor presented the prizes to the wionters of the Glove Gold of Great Britain's annual design competition and a shield to this year's recipient of the Glovers' bursary to a first year student at the Cordwainers' College.

Luncheon

The Fligh Commissioner for Canada was the guest of honour at a ioncheon given yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, by Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, chairman. members of the central council of the Royal Over-Seas League.

Appointments

Mr Matthew Clarke to be a Judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey. Mr John Terence Corran to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit.

New entries for the Royal Navy

declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and have entered Britannia Royal Naval College,

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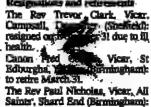
The Rev John Wesson, Rector, St Martin-in-the-Bullring, Birming-barn; to be Officer for Post-Ordination Training and Continu-ing Ministerial Education, Board of Ministry, diocese Lichfield, and Actistant Minister of St Michael's,

Church news

The Right Rev Michael Whinney, Residentiary Canon and Director of Mission, diocese of Birming-ham: to be Honorary Assistant Bishop, same diocese,

The Rev James Woodward, Chap-lain Manager, Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Edghanton: to be Priest-in-charge, Middleton and Wishaw, and Bishop's Adviser for health and contract of Middleton health and social care (Birm-The Rev Paul Wordsworth, Vicar,

York St Thomas w. St Maurice to be Archbishop's Mission Adviser (York), for three years. The Rev Mark Worthington, Assis tant Curate, St Andrew, Monk-wearmouth: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary and St Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street (Durham).



to resign February 29. The Rev Alec Price, Chapisin and Resident Minister, Shrewsbury Town Centre St Alkmund's (Lich-field): to ratire March 4.

The Rev John Talbot, Honocary officiate, same diocese. The Rev Maxwell Timbrell, Vicar, Ingleby Greenhow w. Bilsdale Priory, Kildale and Westerdale

Scottish Episcopal Church

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The Rev Edward Peter Mosley as Honorary Assistant Priest at St John's Rothiemurchus and St Columbe's Grantown on

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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Maor General C B Q Wallace to be Chief of Joint Operations, Februsry 1, 1996, in the rank of

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Royal Air Force WING COMMANDER: E.J. Mclean - HOPTC, 29.1.96; M.W. Brumage - APCENT, 29.1.96; D.R.E. Evans - HQ AFNORTH-WEST, 29.1.96; C.R. Parkhurst, RAF Uxbridge, 29.1.96

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Appointments | Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.B. Attenborough and Miss A. Richardson The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mrs Barbara Attenborough and of the late Mr Kenneth Attenborough, and Anne, daughter of Dr and Mrs lant Richardson. Cantain T.P.R. Daniel

and Miss E.J.L. Cameron The engagement is announced between Captain Thomas Patrick Rivallon Daniel, The Blues and Rivallon Damel, The sites with Royals, son of Colonel and Mrs Royals, son of Chideock, Dorset, and Elizabeth Jean Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Evan Cameron, of Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr C.M. Head and Miss A.E. Holroyd The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Wing Commander Michael Head, reid, and Mrs Head, of Hove, East Sussex, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Holroyd, of Beaconsfield,

Buckinghamshire. Count Riccardo Pavoncelli and Miss C. von Bulow The engagement is announced between Riccardo, son of Count and Countess Pavoncelli, of Orvieto, Italy, and Cosima Ionna. daughter of Mr Claus von Bülow. of London, and of Martha Crawford von Bülow.

Mr P.B. Southall and Miss A.T. Powell and Miss A.T. Powell
The engagement is announced between Petter, younger son of Mr. Gharles Southall, of Carmel, California, and of Mrs Eli Southall, of Bergen, Norway, and Anna, younger daughter of the late Mr. Hugh Powell and of Mrs Janet Powell, of Chalmington, Dorset.

Mystery of Louvre vase is solved

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

THE mystery of Mitadolus has been solved, and the final piece of an historical jigsaw puzzle put in place, in the story of Queen Eleanor's Vase. A web of connections spun from Sassanid Persia to medieval Spain has tied one of the Louvre's most famous objects to the battle between Chris-

tians and Muslims for control of the Kingdom of Saragossa in the 12th century. The Eleanor Vase is a handcarved pear-shaped vessel of rock crystal, mounted in precious metals studded with iewels. It was for centuries in

the treasury of the Abbey of St Denis, the gift of the great Abbot Suger in the 1140s. Since the French Revolution, it has been in the Logere. It was sures of the time", accepting to Professor George Beeck, of Western Michigan University.

Abbot Suger added an inscription with the history of the crystal vessel, then already at least 500 years old: "As a bride Eleanor gave this vase to King Louis, Mitadolus to her grandfather, the King to me, and Suger to the Saints". Eleanor herself, one of the

greatest heiresses of the Mid-dle Ages, was the daughter of the Duke of Aquitaine, and married first Louis VII of France and then Henry II of England. The mother of Richard the Lionheart and King John, she led her own troops on the Second Crusade in her twenties, and crushed the Anjou rebelilon against John

when she was nearly 80. Her wedding gift to Louis VII, the crystal vase, had probably been made in Sassanid Persia between the 3rd and 7th centuries, Professor Beech notes in Medieval Life. Covered with honeycomb facets to catch the light, it is a rare survival of a material believed to have magical healing powers, and one which fetched very high prices in medieval

. The Mitadolus who gave the vase to Eleanor's grandfather has always been a mystery. that he can be identified not as a Middle Eastern potentate, but as Imad al-dawia Abd al-Malik ibn-Hud, the Muslim ruler of Saragossa in northeastern Spain from 1110 to

In 1119-20 William IX of Aquitaine played an Important part in the Aragonese reconquest of Saragossa, the capital of which had been taken from Imad al-dawla by the more austerely Islamic Almoravids in IIIO. William IX brought 600 knights to the battle of Cutanda in 1120, when the Almoravids were defeated, and the vase seems to have been a thank-you gift from al-dawla to the duke before or after the battle on **June 17.**

"It is now clear that this dazzling piece is a survival of the great wars of the Reconquest. It did not pass into Christian Europe as booty, but following collaboration in which the last ruler of a native Muslim dynasty in Spain sought to preserve his kingdom by an alliance with invading Christians." Profes-sor Beech concludes.

Source: Medieval Life 3:12-16.

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Joseph Brodsky, poet and winner of the 1987 Nobel Prize for Literature, died apparently from a heart attack on January 28 aged 55. He was born on May 24, 1940.

MEMORY cannot be exiled: the solace of this has always sustained the Russian absentee. Gogol evoked the Russian landscape in Rome: Nabokov built his palaces of intricate Russian detail in America. Joseph Brodsky, like Nabokov an exiled Russian who became an American citizen, was the great postwar poet of memory and exilic yearning. Joseph Brodsky was born in Leningrad

(now St Petersburg), the only child of modest but bookish Jewish parents. Continuing a great tradition of Russian writing, he was to become both a celebrant and elegist of his native city. The Brodskys lived in a once-stylish, turnof-the-century apartment block, divided into the usual tiny spaces, providing the family with what he later called "a room and a half". The "half" was the young Brodsky's bedroom, where he hoarded his books and wrote his first poems.

What he described in an essay as "the most beautiful city on the face of the earth" made a much deeper impression than his schooling at a large, faceless modern grammar school in town. At 15, partly out of boredom and also an urge to contribute to his family finances, he walked out of his classroom and got a job as a milling machine operator at an armaments factory. He later worked in a morgue. He was already writing poems. Four appeared in St Petersburg anthologies in 1966 and 1967; the celebrated poet Anna Akhmatova recognised in him a new voice in Russian poetry, and ar-ranged a meeting between Brodsky and Osip Mandelstam's widow, Nadezhda. If St Petersburg's faded imperial splendours gave Brodsky an abiding poetic theme, then the futile cruelties of the Soviet State

provided him with another. He once described his parents, both doughty individualists, as "State-resistant": yet it was their son whose resistance was to be most tested. At the age of 24, Brodsky was sentenced to five years in a prison camp in northern Russia. The charge was "parasitism": at this time he was neither employed (he was writing poems), nor was he a member of the Writers' Union. "The surest defence

against evil." he once wrote, "is extreme individualism, originality of thinking, whimsicality." It was a principle he mobilised during the trial, which pro-duced this singular encounter:

Prosecutor: What is your occupation? Brodsky: I am a poet. Prosecutor: Who included you in the list

Brodsky: Who included me in the list of human beings?

It was in prison (where he served only 18 months) that he first came across the poetry of W. H. Auden. It was to change his life. The poem he stumbled upon, in a poor Russian translation, was Auden's elegy to W. B. Yeats, written in 1939 as tyranny threatened, with its command to the poet to turn poetry into a moral force: Follow, poet, follow right

To the bottom of the night, With your unconstraining voice . . . In the prison of his days.

Teach the free man how to praise. Sitting in his cell, reading Auden. Brodsky began to develop his antagonis-tic humanism, and his lifelong optimism about the connection between good art and good actions ("evil, especially polit-ical evil, is always a bad stylist," was one

of his many memorable aphorisms). Because of Auden, he started to learn English (in which he was later to write some of his poetry and all of his essays): more immediately. Auden smoothed his passage to America. The older poet had already read some of Brodsky's poems in translation, and had liked them well enough to offer to write an introduction for an English selection. When Brodsky was expelled from the Soviet Union on June 4, 1972, with a one-way ticket to Israel, via Vienna, he quickly made his way to Auden in person.

At Vienna he was met by Carl Proffer. Professor of Russian at the University of Michigan. The two men travelled to Auden's summer house outside Vienna. in Kirchstetten. Auden, wrote Brodsky, looked after the new exile "with the diligence of a good mother hen". Grants were organised and a job — poet-in-residence at Michigan — secured.

Selected Poems was published in England by Penguin in 1973. It was difficult at times properly to assess the originality of Brodsky's voice through the occasionally awkward English transla-tions. But the best poems, like the long

JOSEPH BRODSKY



Brodsky's early twenties) spoke with the authority of tradition, full of allusion and historical reference. kov, which mixed exquisite descriptions of St Petersburg with a political restiveness, revealed a startling maturity. These early

America treated Brodsky well: after Michigan, he had visiting professorships at Smith and Columbia. In 1978, in recognition of his growing statute in the anglophone world. Yale gave him an honorary doctorate, and in 1981 he won a lucrative MacArthur Foundation grant. But his life in exile was tinged with sadness. His parents made repeated attempts to visit their son, but were told that it would be "unpurposeful". In the end, even a son's attendance at his mother's funeral was deemed unpurposeful.

In his moving essay In a Room and a Half. Brodsky described hearing the news of his mother's death, generalising it into the bereavement of exile itself: "And then it's too late, and a man or a woman puts the receiver down and walks out of the door into the foreign afternoon feeling something neither language has words for, and for which no how! will suffice."

In 1980 Brodsky published A Pan of Speech, his first book to include verse composed in English. Exile, it was clear, had given his work a melancholy, but also a cosmopolitanism. The city was a presence in almost every poem, but now it was New York or Venice or London (where Brodsky came regularly to work during summers). And, in some ways, the city was none of these places but a city of the mind, a St Petersburg of the memory. "I, 100, once lived in a city whose cornices used to court the clouds," begins one poem. Or this, more simply and poignantly: "Those who forgot me would make a city." Memory emerged in this work as a

challenge to the rigidities and forwardmarching of the communist State, for memory goes its own way, is "never linear". Again, what seemed most remarkable about this verse was its deep intellectual currents, its learnedness, al-lied to a marvellous skill for extended metaphors and a real visual power. But it was in Brodsky's essays - which first appeared in 1986 - that his

descriptions of St Petersburg reached their most glorious pitch. Less Than One: Selected Essays was his most accessible work, and reached a new audience. While some English-speaking critics had been unsure about the success of Brodsky's poems in original English, there could be no doubting the quality and sureness of

IAN DAWSON-SHEPHERD

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Dawson-Shepherd was a tire-

less advocate of research into

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Professor Paul Polani, of the

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son-Shepherd and Polani founded the Little Foundation

to fund a £100 million global

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Brodsky used the essay-form to tell the story of his early Russian life, to structure his humanism and his fierce contempt for communism, above all to describe a lost world. It is, for instance, difficult to forget Brodsky's image of St Petersburg's River Neva as a spool of film, constantly unwinding — "It's as if the city were constantly being filmed by its river, which discharges its footage into the Gulf of Finland 1

This book, quite as much as the poems, won him the Nobel Prize for Literature in 987. He became the first Russian writer to win the prize since Pasternak. His acceptance speech was one of the most commanding defences of literature's moral purpose ever made by a Nobel laureate. Aesthetics is the mother of ethics, claimed Brodsky. Because we understand beauty. we also understand suffering, it was useless to say that there could be no poetry after Auschwitz. For every Auschwitz, a Russian camp could be named, he said. Yet the existence of human barbarism did not invalidate the moral tuition that art offers to all who will take it: "I believe - not empirically, alas, but only theoretically - that for someone who has read a lot of Dickens to shoot his like in the name of an idea is harder than for someone who has read no Dickens." This was not a matter of literacy, for Lenin, Hitler and Stalin all read books. But imaginative literature has as its subject "human diversity and perversity.... What these men had in common was that their hit-list was longer than their reading

In 1988 a selection of verse spanning 1965 to 1985 was published and, in 1992 Brodsky produced a ravishing book on Venice, a city he had enjoyed since his early years in exile. Venice, like St Petersburg, is a city of reflections and watery light: in this book (really a sort of long prose poem) it was turned into a kind of Utopian heaven, where the very window-shutters became the spreading wings of angels".

Here he had come in his early thirties. when newly exiled. At the heart of Europe, in this exquisite Italian simulacrum of his beloved home town, the poet and exile had found his first consolation. li is, alas, a mournfully appropriate final book.

is prose.

He is survived by his wife Maria and Lucid. cool, but passionately ironical, their daughter, and by a natural son.

MALDWYN ROWLANDS

Maldwyn Rowlands. OBE, Chief Librarian at the Natural History Museum, 1965-81, died on December 29 aged 77. He was born on March 7.

IN 1965, when Maldwyn Rowlands was appointed Chief Librarian of the Natural History Museum in South Kensington, he was only the fourth holder of the post. The museum had been founded in 1881, and Rowlands succeeded Alexander Townsend, who had died in a railway accident. Whereas his three predecessors had been scholar librarians, Rowlands was a selfmade professional librarian who began his career in a manual grade at the Science Museum Library next door. He had worked his way to the top by sheer hard work and some inspirational job chang-

Born into a mid-Wales farming family at Newtown, Montgomeryshire (now in Powys), Maldwyn Jones Rowlands was educated locally.



He abandoned the Welsh hills for London, and his first job was as a clerk in a City firm. Early in 1936 he joined the staff of the Science Museum Library in South Kensing ton as an attendant. It was a lowly grade which called for largely manual and manipulative skills but Rowlands was

soon helping with professional cataloguing duties. In 1940 he joined the Royal

Army Pay Corps. On demobilisation he rejoined the staff of the Science Museum Library, and by 1951 had become a cataloguer and compiler of the library's Handlist of Periodicals. Under the keepership of H. T. Pledge at this time, and before a national lending library for science had been founded, the Science Museum Library was performing this function

Rowlands honed his experience with professional qualifi-cations, embarking in 1950 on a ruthless course of self-tuition, wholly in his own time, to achieve associateship (in 1954) and fellowship (in 1961) of the Library

In 1954 he transferred to the Natural History Museum Library. A new senior post had been established there to supervise cataloguing, to start publication of an accessions list and to prepare a handlist of periodicals. His appoint-

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ment occurred during the directorship of Sir Gavin de Beer, and the two men collaborated on a series of papers published in the museum's Bulletin between 1959 and 1961 on the transcription and significance of Darwin's notebooks on the transmutation of

In 1961 Rowlands was promoted to deputy librarian at the museum on the retirement of G. W. F. Claxton and held this post until 1963, when he moved to the Patent Office Library to become deputy to the charismatic Maysie Webb. In 1965 he returned to the Natural History Museum as Chief Librarian, and re-mained there until his retirement in 1981.

His biggest administrative success at the museum was the move to establish a department of library services in 1975, when management of the museum's departmental and general libraries was centralised. Rowlands was the department's first head.

There was an almost exponential growth of services and systems at the Natural History Museum Library during his period in office, at a time when growth of staff and stock were measured and measurable facets of successful performance.

As an administrator he relied just as much on his canny Welsh farming instincts as on his professional librarian's skills. His management of people was based on two principles: acquire the necessary experience of all types of work to provide a clear understanding of how things are really done; and manage people with sensitivity to their needs and sympathy for their worries, but at the same time leave them in no doubt as to what is required of them. He was appointed OBE in 1981.

He is survived by his wife Sybil, whom he married in 1941. and by two sons and a daughter.

lan Dawson-Shepherd, founder of the Spastics

Society (now Scope), died on January 8 aged 80. He vas born on September 23, 1915.

AS A charity campaigner lan Dawson-Shepherd will be remembered for his vision and drive, and for his determination to transform the lives of all those suffering from cerebral palsy. With his own daughter a victim of the condition, he was appalled to discover the lack of provision that then prevailed. He joined forces with two other parents. Alex Moira and Eric Hodgson, and with a social worker. Jean Garwood. Together they launched a campaign which was to lead in 1952 to the formation of the National Spastics Society.

The early success of the Spastics Society's founders is almost legendary. With only ES in the kitty, they launched a fundraising drive which gen-erated £1 million in just five years. The money made it possible to establish schools, residential units and a growing network of local support groups and to fund a public campaign for a change in attitudes to — and the improvement of services for -

disabled people. Dawson-Shepherd's style was unorthodox. He insisted that charities should be run like businesses, a view well ahead of his time. He saw a clear distinction between the roles of volunteers and professionals: volunteer directors responsible for policy and long-term planning working with professional managers get-ting on with running the organisation without interference.

His approach was always "think big, think profession-al". In 1957 he worked with a leading pools company to nioneer a fundraising arrangement which was to earn the society £2 million annual-

With the help of Sheila causes of neurological disor-Rawstorne, the society's first ders - including autism, ceresecretary, and the radio bral palsy, dyslexia and epilepsy. Although he regularly broadcasters Wilfred and Mabel Pickles, Dawson-Shepherd also established SOS, the

crossed swords with the society's executive council and others who disagreed with his challenging and sometimes mayerick approach. Dawson-Shepherd won the admiration and respect of all those with whom he worked.

The death of his own daughter, afflicted by cerebral palsy, in 1986 caused him great sadness: but he did not allow it to lessen his commitment to his life's work.

Ian Dawson-Shepherd is survived by his second wife, Margaret K. Johns, and by his five remaining daugh-



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East Riding of Yorkshire. on Wednesday last, before Sir Henry Boyton, Sir Christopher Sykes, Captain Nelson, Captain Broosbank. and a full beach of magistrates, Lord Wenlock, the Vice-Lieurenant of the East Riding. presiding. John Sterwood. alias "Snafflir lock", a notorious "Wold ranger", a ticket-of leave man, was brought up by Sergeant James Thompson, of the Detective Department, Scotland-yard, charged with maliciously set-ting fire to the stackgard of Mr. John Burdess, at Thring, on the 21st of October last, and destroying corn to the value of £1,200. He was further charged with wilfully firing the off stackyards of Mr. Hall, of Butterwick, and Mr Andersons, of Butterwick; and Mr. Specks, of Boythorps, on the might of the 18th of November last. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. Clark (Leeman and Clark). York, solicitors for the East Riding. The court was densely crowded, and the examination lasted two days. From the evidence it was clearly shown that the prisoner and two other Wold rangers, named "Slenderman" and Ben Wilson, met in a lane about half a mile from Mr. Burdess's stackyard on the afternoon before the fire. They had a stick fire in the lane.

ON THIS DAY

January 30, 1864 **李黎林的**

Cases like this in the East Riding of Yorkshire were not uncommon in the 19th century; today, rural crime is more often sheep and cattle rustling and the stealing of farm equipment.

and they then agreed to fire Mr. Burdess's stackyard, as they had heard that he had £180 in the house, and while the men would be at the fire to go to the farmhouse and "rurn the crib over -- ransack it. The prisoner, in the meantime, was to proceed to Mr. Staveley's farm, two miles distant, and ask to be allowed to sleep in the chaff-house, and to be locked in. During the night he was to leave the stable, proceed to Thring, fire the stackyard of Mr. Burdess, 10b his house, and then to return to Mr. Staveley's stable and be found here the next morning by the farm lads. This was carried out as arranged, except robbing the

raging that Mr Burdess had only £18 in the house Mr. Burdess deposed that a few days before the fire he sold a quantity of wool, for which he received £400. Not thinking it safe to keep such a sum in the house, he deposited it at his banker's at Bridlington, and at the time of the fire he had only about 120 in the house. Mr Burdess further deposed that the day preced-ing the fire he was riding round his farm. when he saw the prisoner and two other men in the lane sitting over a stick fire. Sergeant Thomson produced a plan he took of the place in which the prisoner slept on the night of the fire, and it was shown that any one who slept in the chaff-house in the stable could have got out, proceed to Thring, which is two miles distant, and return the same way, and could so lasten the door or window as to give it the appearance of having been undisturbed. The prisoner was committed to take his trial at the ensuing York assizes. Each of the other three cases was consecutively taken, and, conclusive evidence having been given, the prisoner was committed on each charge. Warrants were granted against Slenderman and Ben Wilson, on the application of Sergeant Thompson, of the Detective Department, who had, after six weeks' patient search, apprehended the pris-oner Sterwood, three weeks ago, since which no fires have occurred in the district.

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Internet 'offers a big chance to small firms'

THE Internet is likely to generate study, says: "The Internet is prothousands of new businesses as it changes the way business is done, according to research by Durham University Business School (Dubs). However, small firms that act as intermediaries between buyer and selier are at risk, the school says.

The study, sponsored by NatWest Bank, is based on experimentally introducing access to the internet to small and mediumsized businesses. Dubs says that although technical problems still need to be overcome, there is likely to be a rapid increase in electronic commerce in the next two years.

Dubs estimates that Internet users are increasing, worldwide, by 500,000 a month, forming a new, high-value market for small firms. About 300,000 computers in the UK are linked to the Internet The speed with which small businesses join will depend on access and connection costs, Dubs says. The researchers predict that

☐ Within two years, secure trading and payment on publicly accessible computer networks will be normal; ☐ Every enterprise dealing with the computer-literate public or business-to-business markets will need to use electronic mail or to transfer information via computer networks: Small firms will adapt to electronic commerce more quickly than big ones. Some have sprung up to advise on electronic commerce Ted Fuller, director of Dube's

Foresight, which published the

viding one of the single biggest opportunities for small firms. This is because the way of doing business on the Net builds on personal relationships, which mirrors the natural behaviour of small firms." Many already use e-mail rather than the costlier fax or telephone

The main threat is seen as being to small firms that add no value to a transaction other than bringing buyers and sellers together. Mr Fuller says: "The trend started by direct insurance services and direct selling is likely to continue through

Firms currently protected by barriers of time and distance face more competition from foreign companies.



"In my case, getting stressed isn't a complaint — it's a job description!"

Standing out from the crowd

Jennai Cox visits a company that turned over £300,000 in its

first year from an idea spotted on TV

atching football on tele-vision in March 1994 gave Frank Lawrence the idea for a quality headwear business which turned over £300,000 in its first year. As the camera panned the match. Mr Lawrence's attention was caught not by the goals but by how many of the crowd were wearing hats. Having been made redundant as a special clothes cutter for the fourth time, he thought that with 40 years' pattern-making and management experience, he could succeed in the hat business. After a seven-year apprentice

ship with Burton and working on made-to-measure suits at Burbervs for 12 years, Mr Lawrence decided to concentrate on the quality market. He teamed up with John Foster, a salesman with contacts in the industry with whom he had worked at a company in Bristol, and Lawrence and Foster was formed. Orders worth £90,000 helped to secure a Coal Board grant and money from the West Yorkshire Small Firms Fund before production began in a factory at Castleford in August 1994. "Because of the places John and I



Getting ahead in business: Frank Lawrence, centre, with Jackie his wife, and John Foster, his partner

had worked, it really wasn't too difficult to find customers," said Mr Lawrence. "We sent out samples and the response was amazing." John Foster describes their customer base as "Rolls-Royce", situated mainly on London's Piccadilly, Oxford Street and Bond Street. Supplying retailers in this market, who sell hats close to the £100 mark, means using only the very best materials. Most are made from cashmere, tweeds, saxony wools,

pure new wools and loden fabrics and lined with satin, silk or viscose. Buying equipment and materials proved difficult at times. They had to make their own hat-steamer, and only one company in the country makes the wooden blocks used to shape the hats. Whereas more than 100 companies used to make quality headwear, only two remain.

Mr Lawrence is said by Jackie, his wife, and Anne Louise, his

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ploys, to be a perfectionist. All hats are checked for size and matching patterns at every stage of production and within minutes of seeing a design, he can gauge whether he can reproduce it. About 50,000 hats in 29 designs including deerstalkers, branhams and the ryde used by women golfers, were made in the first year. This should double in 1996 with more women's hats, many for export to America, Spain

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Proving director's guilty knowledge

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Regina v F lefore Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Brooke and Mr Justice Forbes Judgment January 23)

The state of mind that had to be roved against a company director charged with consenting to the company accepting a deposit without an authorisation or ficence from the Bank of England was that he knew the material facts which company and agreed to its conduct

Court of Appeal's opinion on a point of law referred by the Attorney-General to the court ustice Act 1972 after the two respondents, B and F, were acquire ed on a submission of no case to answer on two counts, withdrawn from the jury at Teesside Crown Court by Judge Fox. The counts had charged them

each with accepting, contrary to section 3 of the Banking Acz 1987, a room a person in the course of

Before Lord Justice Russell and

The keeper of horses which had

been maliciously released on to the

road where they panicked and

galloped into an oncoming car was not liable to a driver who collided

The Court of Appeal so held

allowing an appeal by Robert Gillett against a decision of Mr Recorder Hussein in Manchester

County Court on March 30, 1995 in

layour of the plaintiff driver, Gary

Section 2 of the Animals Act 1971

"(2) Where damage is caused by an animal which does not belong

to a dangerous species, a keeper of

the animal is liable for the dam-

age, except as otherwise provided by this Act, if: . . (b) the likelihood of the damage or of its being severe was due to characteristics of the

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the purpose of the 1987 Act was a deposit-taking business, the respondents being directors of the company and its offence being committed with their consent, theywere thereby guilty of the offence by virtue of section 96(1).

Section 3 provides: "(1) ... no person shall ... accept a deposit in the course of carrying on ... a business which ... is a depositaking business unless that person it an incontinuous makes that person is an institution for the time being authorised by the Bank fof England under ... this Act."

Section 96 provides: "(I) Where an offence under this Act committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent ... of any director ... of the body corporate ... he, as well as the body corporate, shall be guilty of that offence..." Mr Michael Worsley, QC and

Mr Neville Spencer-Lewis for the Attorney-General; Mr Peter Col-lier, QC and Mr Jeremy Barnett THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE,

giving the opinion of the coort, said that the respondents were convicted of several counts 1987 Act, fraudulent inducement to make a deposit, and were sen-

Keeper of horses not liable for

result of their release

Mr Patrick Field for the defen-

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said.

been the subject of adverse judicial comment in the past. The recorder

had not had an easy task in dealing

Lytham St Anne's on August 10, 1988. It was dark and he was using his headlights. The lights picked up a number of riderless horses

The horses had escaped from a

field where they had been kept by the defendant. It was common

ground that some malicious in-truder had opened a gate and

driven the horses on to the high-

way. The quantum of damages had been agreed but the defendant denied liability.

The only issue for the recorder

was whether the plaintiff was

entitled to rely on what was basically the absolute liability of

the keeper of an animal other than

The plaintiff had relied on the

vidence of a veterinary surgeon

that a group of horses when moved from their accustomed environ-

galloping towards the car.

The plaintiff had been driving in

with the section.

dant; Mr David Allen, QC, for the

F was the chairman of a small insurance/investment brokerage company and B was his right-hand man. From 1987 onwards the company was accepting deposits in the course of carrying on a deposit-taking business and both respon-dents were directly concerned in that activity. Some £750,000 was

money would be lent on as bridging loans, for which the company would hold charges as security. In fact the money was diverted into a nightclub venture which failed and most of it was

The charges on which the respondents were convicted were based on representations made to

The company was not authorised by the Bank of England to accept deposits and the respon-dents were arrested. In answer to questions by a police officer at an interview which B volunteered, he said that he had never heard of licensed deposit-taking and had no iden that he had to be licensed to do that by the Bank. He had answered "yes" to the police officer's comment: "So that was ignorance

The two counts withdrawn from the jury alleged specimen offences,

normally, and that horses re-

moved from their field on to the

road with other horses in the dark

The recorder had found that the

plaintiff had satisfied section 2(2)(b). But his Lordship had grave

reservations whether a horse which galloped on a highway and panicked was displaying a

Section 8 of the Act made express

provision for the liability of a

the highway through his own negligence. But it was unnecessary

to come to a conclusion on that

between the animal's characteris-tic under section 2 and the damage.

effective cause of the accident was

the release of the animals on to the

highway. It was the presence of the horses on the highway that was the

cause of the damage sustained. The appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: James Chapman &

Co, Manchester, Parmone & Part-

Mr Justice Singer agreed.

There had to be a causal link

characteristic under section 2.

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suspect of the case.

aimlessly in any direction.

taking business, he could not give informed consent and therefore could not consent to the acceptance of a deposit in contravention of section 3. The submission was that the directors had to be positively aware of the lack of authorisation and to have applied their minds to The trial judge, in an initial ruling stated that on authorities which had been argued before

him, but principally Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Hart [[1982]] WLR 481), the prosecution would have to prove not only (i) that there was a deposit-taking (ii) that it was in the course of a deposit-taking business and (iii) that there was no licence, but also that the appellants knew and had applied their minds to the fact that there was no licence for them to do that.

iointly. At the end of the prosecu-

tion case the respondents submit-

ted that there was no case to answer. On their behalf it was

argued that, in order to be guilty of

the offence of consenting to the offence by the company, a defendant director had to be aware of

If the director was not aware

that the business was, as a matter

of fact, deemed to be a deposit

the relevant fams.

In an extended ruling he had held that a section 3 offence was a strict liability offence but was made otherwise concerning directors where a particular awareness had to be proved and there was no evidence of that. For that reason only he withdrew the two counts

from the jury.

Mr Worsley, in submitting that
the judge was incorrect, relied on
the well known principle that
ignorance of the law was no excuse. That was not, and could not be, in dispute.

what state of mind had to be established against an accused to make him guilty of consenting

Mr Worsley said that if the person mentioned in section 96(1) knew the facts which constituted the offence under section 3(1) committed by the body corporate and consented to that body's atilities being carried on in ac-cordance with those facts, he was guilty of the offence under section 96(1), subject to any defence he might have under section 96(4). It was no defence to say: "I had no idea it was an offence to carry on business

that business without authorisation from the Bank."

Mr Worsley relied on dicta in Johnson v Youden (1950) 1 KB 544, 546) expressly approved by the House of Lords in R v Churchill bloom of 10 CM 224 234 237. (No 2) ([1967] 2 AC 224, 236, 237). Mr Collier's submission, reflected in the judge's ruling, was that unless the accused directors were shown to have addressed

their minds specifically to the absence of authorisation or licence each count against both men they could not be guilty of consenting under section 96(1).

He referred additionally to three

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cases: Huckerby v Elliort [1970] I All ER 189, 195] which concerned an issue of negligence, not directly before their Lordships on the issue of consent; Westminster City Council v Croyalgrange Ltd (1986) 1 WLR 674) which, dealing with setting up a sex establishment without a licence, did not support Mr Collier's arguments; and Sec-retary of State for Trade and stry v Hart (1982) I WLR 481), but that case was crucially dif-ferent from the present in that knowledge of the unlawfulness of acting as an auditor was an ingredient of the offence under section 13(5) of the Companies Act 1976 which had to be proved

against the defendant

His Lordship said that the correct approach was that suggested by Mr Worsley. A director, performed by the company if it was licensed by the Bank of England could not be performed when in fact no licence existed, and who consented to that performance was guilty of the offence charged. The fact that he did not know that it was an offence to perform them without a licence was ignorance of the law, and was no defence. ignorance of the law necessarily,

in the context of the present case. pointed to a knowledge that the company was operating un-licensed. That was not to say that section 9b(1) created an absolute offence in respect of directors.

There could, for example, in a company with a number of direcponsible for different limbs of the company's business, he a director who believed a licence had been obtained and was not, therefore, consenting to the offences committed by the company. That was not the situation in the present

The judge was wrong to withdraw the two counts from the jury. The questions as set out in the reference were: "(a) Whether on a charge against a company director of consening to the acceptance of a deposit contrary to section 3(1) and 96(1) of the Banking Act 1987, ignorance of the law as to the requirement of the authorisation of the Bank of England is a defence and (b) what mens rea is required to be proved to show 'consent?'."

The answer to question (a) was

"No". To question (b) the answer was that the defendant had to be proved to know the material facts which constituted the offence by the body corporate and to have agreed to its conduct in its business on the basis of those facts. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Service, Headquarters; Walker

Lone parent not entitled to disability premium

Rider v Chief Adjudication attendance allo Palmer v Same

Doyle v Same Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Thorpe

Disdement January 23 The kine parent of a severely disabled child, in receipt of attendance and mobility allowances, had no entitlement under paraincome Support (General) Regula-tions (SI 1987 No 1907) to have included in the income support paid to her a severe disability

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the ap-plicant, Mrs Daphne Rider, from commissioner (Mrs C. R. Heggs of her claim for payment to her of

peals that raised similar issues by Mr Anthony Palmer and Miss Carole Doyle, both lone parents of a disabled child and in receipt of attendance allowance but not mobility allowance, from refusals by commissisoners (Mrs Heggs and Mr J. B. Morcom, respectively) of their claims to have included in their income support a disability premium under para-graphs II and I2 of Schedule 2 to

the 1987 Regulations.

Paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to
the 1987 Regulations, headed
"Severe Disability Premium", provides for entitlement where: "(1) . . . the claimant is a severely disabled

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (i. a claumant shall be the case of a single claimant or a lone parent — (i) he is in receipt of

Paragraph 13 was amended from April 9, 1990 by the insertion of paragraph 14B into Schedule 2 by regulation 17 of the Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations (SI 1990 No 547).

Mr Richard Drabble, QC, for Mrs Rider, Miss Natalie Lieven for Mr Palmer and Miss Doyle: Mr J. R. McManus for the Chief Adjudication Officer.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the three appeals raise an

inat the three appeals raise an identical question of construction of paragraphs 12 and 13 of Schedule 2 to the 1987 Regulations.

The question, only capable of arising up to April 8, 1990, was whether the words "in receipt of the other days of the constructions of the construction of the constr attendance allowance" in those paragraphs were to be read just as they stood or as importing the additional requirement that the allowance should be payable in respect of the recipient's own

Each claimant had living with him or her a severely disabled child. In each case there was included in the award of income support a disabled child premit payable under paragraph 14 of Schedule 2 but not a disability premium or severe disability pre-mium as well.

There was no doubt that in each case it was the parent, and not the child, who was entitled to the attendance allowance in respect of the child (section 35 of the Social Security Act 1975).

Mr Drabble submitted that since Mrs Rider was paid, but was paid in her own right, the atten-dance allowance in respect of her child then she was in receipt of the allowance within paragraph 13(2)(a)(i) and was thus to be treated, fictionally, as a severely disabled person who satisfied the

Mr McManus submitted that the words "in receipt of" could not be read thus literally and did not payable in respect of the needs of another person and that where a parent received it in respect of a child the regulations assumed that it was received by the child and not by the parent

The terms of paragraph 14 were of crucial importance. Paragraph 13 was concerned only with single claimants, lone parents and their partners; paragraph 14 only with children and young persons.

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importing the needs of either class into a paragraph which was concerned with the needs of the other. Since paragraph 14 was clearly intended to provide for additional income support to meet the needs of disabled children and young persons, there was no warrant for supposing that those needs were also to be provided for under paragraph 13.

could only be ascertaned on an overall comparison of the two paragraphs and a particular consideration of the same words in paragraph 14(b). When that exercise had been carried out it was seen that the words were not to be read just as they stood but as importing the additional requirement that the attendance al-lowance should be payable in

Lord Justice McCown and Lord Justice Thorne agreed. Solicitors: Mr Glyn Tucker,

Guidance for jury award

Scotland v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis If a judge gave guidance to a jury as to the range of an appropriate award in a claim for personal injury in a trial for false imprisonment and/or malicious prosecution, it was essential that the jury

was only guidence. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Roch) so stated on January 19 when dismissing an appeal brought by Steven Sinclair Scotland against the award by a jury of £500 for personal injury he sustained in an

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LORD JUSTICE STUART-

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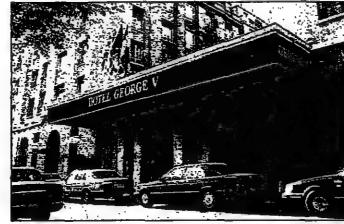
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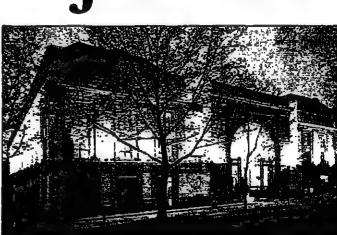
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Molby sets pace but most players show feet of clay

f only all managers had the brains, wit and insight of the average football supporter, the FA Carling Premiership would be in a class of its own. One look at the success rate of the interactive Team Football (ITF) seleciors can tell you that. Kevin Keegan may be happy to spend £7 million on Asprilla with a further £10 million reserved for Batty and Boksic. but the leading ITF managers know that it is not cash but guile that wins points.

Keegan's Newcastle may be leading the Premiership, but his tactics would never work in the ITF, Including those players he is currently trying to sign, his spending since last summer stands at around £33 million, and all that for only eight players. With only E35 million available to the FIT managers, Keegan would be broke and still only have half a

Of course, a little inside knowledge always helps. You would think that the Premiership players who have entered the PFA league would have their fingers on the pulse of fontball, aware of the gossip and rumour: a keen professignal eye sizing up the playing talent around them

Pity poor Alan Stubbs, of Bolton. His side, the Kirkby Krunchers, have amassed a meagre 155 points thanks to injuries and his boys simply not being picked to play for their clubs. But at least he has some points to his name. The elections of Steve Potts, David Lee and Mark Hughes have scured, between them, not one solitary point. Best not to give up the day jobs, boys. At the top, Jan Molby is still

in the lead, but only just. With 306 points, he is one point ahead of Darren Peacock and Mark Powell who, for the last four weeks, have been jockeying for position in the race to watch the great Dane.

Peacuck and Powell have both gone for the big money strikers with mixed results. Peacock decided on Alan

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Shearer, but then ran out of money and chances to win points by teaming him up with Paateleinen, of Bolton, Powell is still waiting for Andy Cole to start earning his corn by scoring £7 million worth of

All three, however, have based their teams on the defensive qualities of Aston Villa and Everton. Molby has paired Watson and Ehiogu at the heart of his defence with Southall in goal, while the other two managers have opted for Bosnich, of Aston Villa, between the sticks.

If your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can

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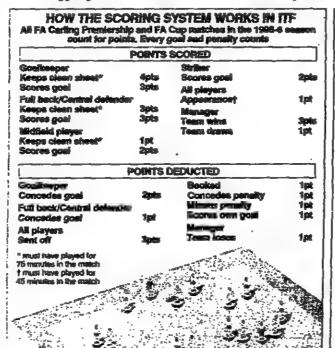
With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of The Times, you are also matching our wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Funtballers' Association. Premiership players own, and Mark Powell, of Bolton Wanderers, gives his selection on the opposite page. Like him, you may spend £7 million on Andy Cole — but will he do better than cheaper

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Nosh hungry for goals

NOSH FC, my Interactive Team Football (ITF) side, is Joint-second in the players' league and I am very pleased. The team name comes from my nick-name at Bolton Wanderers. For some reason, the commentator who does the videos of the reserve games decided to

call me "Nosher".

I wanted to pick an all-round attacking side. McAllister scores loads of goals: Unsworth takes the penalties for Everton and Ginola is always likely to score a few. When it came to the goalkeeper, I know Mark Bosnich personally, so he was first

I also wanted to have a strong defence. which is why I had Ehiogu, from Aston Villa. They do not concede too many goals and Ehiogu is a good defender who also chips in with a few goals himself. Villa are a surprising side. A couple of years ago, when Manchester United at

last won the league again, it was a race between them and Villa. I thought that, from then on, Villa would always be challenging for the title, but they went through a bad spell, However, Brian Little has brought in some new players Rob Jones is another player I have known for a long time; we were at the same school together in Ellesmere Port. I have already had a spord with him about scoring a few goals for my team and he Manager.

Mark Powell, of Bolton Wanderers, discusses

his successful ITF side

said he will see what he can do. He has not scored at all yet for Liverpool, but he was saying that he is enjoying the role he has at Anfield. He likes getting into attacking positions and going forward. He hit the post the other day so I think he is coming close to getting that first goal. As I am a keen follower of Manchester United, it is no real surprise that I have

United, it is no real surprise that I have two of their players in Nosh FC. Andy Cole is my most expensive player at £7 million, and I thought that, when he moved from Newcastle United, he would

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carry on scoring goals the way he had been doing, but it has taken him time to

I think Manchester United are more patient in their build-up than Newcastle. There, they used to play the ball in over the top for Cole to run on to; but he is now expected to do more things — to lay the ball off, to play to the wide men, and it has taken time for him to adapt. He is beginning to pick up, though, so I think he will do well for me as the season goes

Roy Keane is the other United man. I thought, when he first went there, that he was just a battler. He would get the ball and give it to Ince to create something: But now that Ince has gone he is growing into a more creative player. He gets his tackles in still but, when he has got the ball, he looks to make something of it.

The way that he has developed has surprised me, but it is good news for me.

David Ginola is the player whom I really admire. I have got about 100 football sides at home and I thought

football videos at home and I thought, from them, that I had seen every move in the game. Then I saw Ginola play. He should — you might think that he justikes to bang in crosses all day — bu when you see him at work, you reali that he has such pace and so many trick I have never seen anything like it.

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NEWS

Students to face £300 entrance fee

■ Universities are to abandon their commitment to the principle of free higher education and impose a £300 entry fee under plans disclosed last night.

Vice-chancellors said that after six years of funding cuts and the doubling of student rolls, they had no alternative but to seek a fresh source of cash to safeguard standards. Under the proposals about 140,000 students starting next year would

Woman under police protection raped

■ A woman placed under police protection after a man stalked her for five months suffered a two-hour rape ordeal at his hands in her home. The married mother was so terrified by the attack two weeks ago that she was unable to give the police a full account of her ordeal for several daysPage 1

'Gutter' politics

John Major and the Labour leadership traded insults about their records on law and order, with Tony Blair accusing the Tories of seeking to fight the next general election "in the gutter" Page I

Bodies recovered

Royal Engineer bomb disposal experts worked their way inch by inch through a minefield and thick snow to reach three British soldiers killed by a mine in Bosnia-Herzegovina Pages I.5

MI5 controls spelt out The Government has bowed to protests from police and opposition parties and will outline clear legal controls over MIS's new role in tackling gangs and drug dealing..... ..Page 2

Leisure can wait

Thirty-three council workers who shared a £10 million lottery win at the weekend all turned up for work yesterday, helping the .. Page 3

Pilot dies at controls A pilot collapsed and died with a suspected heart attack as he was preparing to land a passenger jet in Spain with 220 British holiday-

makers im board Secret of stones

Clues to a burial mound dating from as long ago as 3,000 BC

have been found inside the Neolithic henge and stone circle at Avebury in Wiltshire Page 5

Tube blaze award

A musician who was badly burnt in the King's Cross Tube fire in which 31 people died was awarded £650,000 in agreed High Court Page 6

Homework network

A Labour government would set up a national network of "homework centres" where pupils could do their homework out of school hours, Tony Blair said. Bright pupils would be offered fast-track

Jungle mission A new attempt is to be made to solve one of the great mysteries of exploration, the disappearance of Colonel Percy Fawcett in the Am-

azon jungle in 1925.....Page 9 Floods kill four

Plash Boods caused by torrential rain swept through the Hérault region of southern France. leaving at least four people dead and hundreds stranded Page 10

Britain rebuffed Britain's diagnoses of crisis over

European monetary union were dismissed by its partners as little more than wishful thinking which must not be allowed to slow progress

Fears for sanity

Relations of John du Pont, the multimillionaire murder suspect captured after an armed slege, had repeatedly tried to commit him to a mental hospital Page 11

Life (of a sort) may survive on Mars

Mars could contain primitive forms of life similar to those that existed on Earth billions of years ago, according to scientists meeting in London this week. A new phase of space exploration is about to begin to investigate the possibility of life on Mars. If found, it would boost the statistical chance of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe...



Maxwell Wood, 15. struggling to school near Tealby, Lincolnshire, as snow continued to blanket most of Britain yesterday. Page 1

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BUSINESS

Jobs: A joint venture including British Aerospace is aiming to scoon the lion's share of a looming British Airways order for regional

On the buses: Employees of GM Buses South Holdings of Manchester will receive a 1,000 per cent return on their investment after a takeover by Stagecoach Page 23 Forte: Marriott Corporation said it had turned down an offer by Granada to swap the Meridien and Exclusive hotel chains for various

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Fugard's song: At the Royal Court in London, the distinguished South African writer Athol Fugard is preparing for the British premiere of his new play Valley Song, for which he is also director and lead-

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Neither America nor Japan can afford to downplay the central strategic argument for the security treaty: it is the only serious force for stability in a region which has yet to put behind it the perils of the Page 15 Cold War

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Mr Blair took on the fundamentalists in his party over common ownership, he should do the same on comprehensives .. Page 15

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No student of Brodsky has an excuse for critical oblivion. Nor will that exiled mind face oblivion itself - not for as long as some men and women read and others are driven by politics from their homes : Page 15

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This child, the consensus has it, should be back at her school desk in Braintree. And, given that her rather dim-sounding parents agreed to the escapade, many opine that she ought to be in council .Page 14 CAITE ...

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

TUESDAY JANUARY 30 1996

Joint venture homes in on collapse of Fokker

BAe seeks record order to keep jobs

FROM ROSS TIEMAN IN TOULOUSE

AERO International Reincludes British Aerospace, is aiming to win the lion's share of a British Airways order for regional jets by offering up to 40 British-built planes in a \$1.

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billion package.

A successful bid for what is likely to be the world's biggest regional jet order would guarantee jobs at British Aerospace's Woodford factory near Marichester for two years.

Prospects that the four-engined Avro RJ jets, built by Avro International in Manchester, will be selected have improved since Fokker, Avro's chief rival, sought pro-

ection from creditors. The sales campaign will be led by AIR, a joint regional aircraft marketing and supthis month by British Aerospace, Aerospatiale of France,

and Alenia of Italy. Jeff Marsh, AIR's chief salesman, said versions of the Avro would be offered to meet all of BA's needs from 80 to 100 sents. That will still leave AIR's remaining rivals, Boeing and McDonnell Douglas of America, and Airbus, the European consortium in which BAe has a 20 per cent

stake, bidding to supply up to 20 larger planes. In what is likely to prove one of the toughest aircraft sales campaigns, AIR will face stiff competition from the 100-seat MD-95, the 110-seat plus Boeing 737-600 and the 125seat Airbus A319. BA needs the planes to replace 33 ageing Boeing 737-200 twin-jets in its own fleet and those of its partners, Deutsche BA in Germany and TAT in France, and to increase capacity on feeder services backing up its

long-haul operations. Mr Marsh said that AIR would offer a mixture of new aircraft and leased versions of the RI's forerunner, the BAe 146 "whisper jet". After winning a record 50 orders for the RJ last year, Avro has a shortage of capacity on its

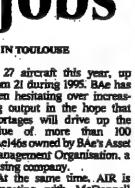
The company plans to deliv-

er 27 aircraft this year, up from 21 during 1995. BAe has been hesitating over increasing output in the hope that shortages will drive up the BAci46s owned by BAe's Asset

and Boeing to sell 10 regional jets to Saudia, the Saudi a similar number of planes needed by the Saudi military in a \$500 million package.

Europe, ATR has been held back in America, previously its chief market, by the crash of an ATR-72 at Chicago in

M Puel said the AIR companies had secured 26-27 per cent of the world market for aircraft from 20 seats to 120 seats last year. Saab of Sweden wom a 10 ner cent share. while Daimler-Benz of Germany, and its subsidiary Fokker, had achieved a 12 per



national airline, together with

planes will be assembled in Toulouse by ATR, BAe's i-rench-italian partner in : is now the world's leading

regional aircraft company. Henri-Paul Puel, AIR's chief executive, said that sales last year reached Fr7 billion (£910 million). Of that, some £390 million was generated by Avrp, a similar amount by ATR, and the remaining £130 million was carned by Jetstream, the BAe turbo-prop

But while Avro is enjoying unprecedented sales success in



leasing company.

At the same time, AIR is competing with McDonnell

AIR also announced a Fri billion order for 15 ATR-42 turbo-props, each carrying 44 passengers, from French regional carrier Air Littoral. The

subsidiary at Prestwick.

1994 with the loss of 68 lives.

M Puel repeated his invitation to Daimler-Benz subsidiary Dasa to become a partner in AIR. Although he was sorry protection from creditors and a buyer was being sought, he believed that the removal of surplus capacity would help

Tea for two: John Barnes, left, shares a Giant Harry's Challenge with Ian Daly, managing director of Compass's New Famous Foods, yesterday Compass takes Harry Ramsden's

for a world trip BY SARAH BAGNALL

may soon be able to munch their favourite fish and chips as they sit whiling away the hours in airport lounges around the world. Compass Group, the UK's largest contract caterer, has secured exclusive worldwide rights to use the brand of

Harry Ramsden's, the world's

HOMESICK British tourists

most famous chippie. Compass plans to follow British holidaymakers abroad by opening sites in international airports in popular tourist destinations. Ron Morley, company secretary at Compass, said the group had not pinpointed actual locations but there were numerous possibilities, such as holiday spots in Spain and Italy as

well as in the Far East and

Starting life off in a small wooden shack at Guisley near Leeds in 1928, Harry Ramsden now comprises 15 outlets spread from Bournemouth to Hong Kong. The restaurants serve up chips fried in beef dripping and fish cooked in a secret batter recipe in surroundings more reminiscent of a smart hotel. This means each outlet has tableclothes, chandeliers, carpets and waitresses sporting black and white uniforms. John Barnes, chairman at

Harry Ramsden, said: "It is very much a bit of showbiz. We have those standards where ever we go." He said the deal gives the company access to areas it currently could not afford to enter and means British tourists can get a little bit of Britain abroad".

The business was floated in 1989 at 100p and yesterday's news sent the shares up 36p to 311p -- an all-time high. Compass intends to open at least 15 sites around the world over the next five years. Under the terms of the deal, Compass Group can develop sites in numerous locations including airmosts and railway stations while Harry Ramsden retains the rights to develop its high

street outlets. The two companies have links from 1991, when they opened a site in Heathrow Terminal One, which proved very successful. Compass said Harry Ramsden brand will form part of its New Famous Foods portfolio, which includes Burger King, Pizza Hut and Upper Crust. Compass shares were un-

Marriott rules out swap with Granada

By Eric Reguly

MARRIOTT Corporation. one of the world's largest hotels groups, said yester-day that it had turned down an offer by Granada to swap the Meridien and Exclusive hotel chains for various assets in America.

The assets are thought to be Marriott's extensive catering operations, which account for about half of the group's annual turnover of \$8 billion. Neither Marriott nor Granada would provide details. A Marriott spokeswoman in Washington said: "Granada approached Marriott with that deal, but Marriott rejected It."

Granada took control of the chains when it won the £3.8 billion takeover battle for Forte last week. It wants to sell the luxury hotels and concentrate on budget ho-lels and catering. Meridien and Exclusive, whose 103 properties include the Grosvenor House in London, are valued at about £1.6 billion. The Marriott spokesworn-

an hinted that the company was interested in acquiring Meridien and Exclusive through a method other than an asset swap. "We'll talk to anyone about any-thing," she said.

Marriott is one of four or five groups in the running for the chains. Others are thought to include Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the leveraged buyout specialist, ITT Sheraton of America, and Accor of France, which competed with Forte for control of Meridien in 1994. Sir Rocco Forte, former

Forte chief executive, has said he wants to buy back the chains. JP Morgan, SG Warburg and Morgan Stanley. partners to support his bid.

APR

UCI a picture of optimism with £100m expansion

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

UCI, the cinema chain, yesterday premiered a blockbuster £100 million expansion plan to open six new multiplexes across the country by the end of 1997. The company is aiming to

cash in on the renewed popularity of cinema-going and fight off growing competition from rivals such as Warner Brothers. The six new developments will be in Manchester, Crystal

Palace and Docklands in London, Cardiff Bay, Leeds and Dublin and will create around 1,000 jobs over the next two years. UCI was established in 1985

and has been responsible for popularising multiplexes in the UK and helping revive the cinema industry. Attendances have more than doubled in the past ten years from a low of 54 million in 1984 to 120 million in 1995 and are expected to grow to 150 million by the end of the decade. The company has already

established 24 multiplexes

across the country, as well as managing prestige cinemas such as the Empire in Leicester Square, London. Each multiplex incorporates between nine and 12 screens and has a seating capacity of up to 3,500.

David Harris, operations director at UCI, said that the company was looking at a further ten developments but was also considering smaller multiscreen ventures in town centres. He said: "It is not easy to win planning permission for out-of-town developments at the moment, and smaller developments can help revive

city centres." Last year UCI cinemas attracted 21 million customers and had a turnover of £100 million. Around one third of revenue comes from ancillary sales, including drinks, foods and film merchandise. UCl is a joint venture between US film groups Paramount. whose parent company is Viacom, and MCA, whose

UCI plans six new multiplexes by the end of next year

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Share prices

We have updated our prices page today to bring the listings into line with the categories drawn up by the Financial Times-Stock Exchange actuaries committee. The business services sector has disappared, spirits and wines become alcoholic beverages and breweries now include pub and restaurant groups.

Pay talks

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Britain's largest pay negotiations opened yesterday with a 2.4 per cent offer to 1.5 million workers. Page 24. Philip Bassett, page 27

Banks add to gloom on mortgages

By Janet Bush ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BANKS reported a sharp drop in demand for mortgages in December, rounding off what the British Bankers Association called a dismal year for the housing market. Seasonally adjusted net lending by the leading British banking groups fell 20 per cent from November's £686 million to £554 million in December.

New approvals were also well down on November. These figures are not seasonsaid that the drop to 19,241 from 29,291 in November was much larger than the one between November and December 1994.

Yesterday's banking figures confirm the picture of weaker mortgage lending by building societies published last week. The BBA put a brave face on the news, saying that recent interest rate cuts and growth in incomes point to firmer conditions in the housing

Stagecoach offers ticket to riches

EMPLOYEES of GM Buses South Holdings of Manchester will receive a 1,000 per cent return on their investment after the company's purchase by

Stagecoach, the largest bus operator.

Stagecoach has agreed to buy GMBS for £40.7 million, equivalent to £10 a share. About 1,600 employees, who own 51 per cent of GMBS, subscribed to shares at El each in March 1994. Six managers, who collectively own 198,000 shares, will come out with almost £2 million. The return was not enough to make

GMBS, which has 2,000 employees and 750 buses, is Stagecoach's largest bus company purchase. Its annual turnover of about £51 million will raise the turnover of the Stagecoach group, including South West Trains, to about £770 million. Shareholders of GMBS can take Stagecoach shares, five-year loan notes or cash. NatWest Venture Investments and Montagu Private Equity Invest-ments, the two institutions that own 49 per cent of GMBS, have agreed to take cash. Almost half of the purchase price was

financed though the private placement

yesterday of 6 million Stagecoach shares at 331p. The shares closed at 366p, up 18p. Ross Griffiths, commercial director of GMBS, said: "The board has received what it considers the right offer, including employee protection."

Stagecoach said there would be no compulsory redundancies at GMBS for three years. It said the purchase will enhance earnings from the onset. The private placement will help to reduce gearing to about 100 per cent by the end of April, from 144 per cent in October.

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Under canvas: Richard Afkinson, chief executive of Eurocamp, left, with Robert Baddeley, finance director, after announcing yesterday's figures

Shares sag on lower bookings at Eurocamp

SHARES in Eurocamp, the camping tour operator, fell 2lp to 230p yesterday, on a warning that camping book-ings are down 20 per cent on the same period last year (Jon Ashworth writes). The slump was blamed on

the weak market for 1996 summer holidays. Careful campsite management has buoyed occupancy levels, in spite of the slower rate of bookings.

The company made a pretax profit of £9.3 million (£8.7 million) in the year to October 31, of which £1.2 million was contributed by Superbreak, the UK short break operator purchased by Eurocamp last summer.

Richard Atkinson, chief executive, said: "Trading conditions remain difficult for our camping businesses but we anticipate an improvement as summer draws closer. We also expect the favourable performance of our hotel breaks to continue." Turnover rose to £87 million (£70.2 million), of which £10.7 million was contributed by Superbreak. Earnings per share were unchang-ed at 22.4p. A final dividend of 7.25p (6.90p) a share makes an



HSBC to fuse Montagu and Capel operations

HSBC is to merge the James Capel securities house and Samuel Montagu merchant business, including interna-tional equity capital markets and equity syndication, will be transferred into HSBC's inbank from April as part of its drive to compete in Europe vestment banking division. and to increase its share of the one of two new investment international advisory and banking divisions. The UK corporate finance activity will trade as HSBC Samuel capital-raising markets.

The two names, among the oldest in the City, have been maintained separately since Montagu. The securities division will be made up of a slimmed-down James Capel that will HSBC's takeover of Midland Bank in 1992, prompting speculation that it had been lookconcentrate on institutional ing for a stronger name than sales, trading and research Samuel Montagu to put together with James Capel. HSBC James Capel. However, it has now decided to merge the two on an international basis under the

the London investment bank- Bank in 1985 and 1987. Rich-

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HSBC Investment Banking James Capel's origination

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Panmure Gordon, the City

stockbroker, for an estimated

The move is part of West

Merchant Bank's aim to build

up a pan-European securities

business in the City. Patrick Macdougall, chief executive, said the bank had approached

NationsBank, Panmure's par-

ent, before Christmas, but the

two sides had held serious

talks only for the past ten

equities, the bank realised that

it could acquire corporate

relationships, research and

distribution in one fell swoop

with the acquisition of

Panmure Gordon. The busi-

The stockbroker was bought

ness comes with 260 staff

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overlap. The James Capel name,

and will trade globally as Around 400 of the investment bank's 5,700 staff will be affected by the change in reporting lines. Bernard Asher, chairman of HSBC Investment Banking, said that the

NationsBank Europe, said:

and they convinced us that it

was more relevant to their

Panmure's net assets for the

period to the end of 1994 were

E9 million, but have increased

in value since then to more

Mr Macdougail said there

would be no "golden hello" payments to Panmure staff.

but added that the bank was in the business of safeguard-

ing the assets of its businesses

and acknowledged that this

might mean guaranteeing

Lord McGowan, Panmure's

chairman, said its acquisition

would enable it to broaden its

than £10 million.

bonus payments.

European focus.

strategy than it was to ours."

We did not intend to sell it. We were approached by Westdeutsche Landesbank

intention was not to cut jobs. ing corporate broking. The two names would disappear although there may be some when customers were comfortable with it, he said.

which dates from 1775, will Mr Asher went on: "HSBC remain as a private client is a fantastic name. It is one of broker, James Capel & Co. the largest banks in the world and Samuel Montagu, foundwith a global reach second to none." One of the aims of the ed in 1853, will remain as a move is "to avoid marginalnrivate bank. isation in a world of growing The investment bank wili competitiveness". It would drop both names over time. also enable the bank to make Peter Letley, deputy chairman of HSBC Investment Banking. better use of its capital.

said the UK market is not Mr Asher added that the ready for that step. The bank was not considering structure enables us to act in acquisition, although Mr an integrated capacity if a Letley and Keith Harris, head client wants us to do so. If a of the new investment bankclient wants a single capacity service, there is HSBC Samuel ing division, both said that the bank might consider an acqui-Montagu corporate finance and HSBC James Capel offersition in the United States at a

Fund to target finance initiative

THE first equity fund to target the Government's Private Finance Initiative was launched yesterday with the backing of Hermes Investment Management and Amp Asset

Management. The institutions have each subscribed £25 million to the Innisfree PFI Fund, which is seeking to double its initial capital to £100 million by April with further support from pension funds and insurance

Innisfree PFI will invest in government-sponsored infrastructure projects such as hospitals, roads, bridges and prisons undertaken by large contractors, such as Tarmac.

Based on government forecasts, the market is worth about £25 billion and the fund will take a minority stake, typically 25 per cent, in projects worth more than £25 million. Innisfree's directors estimate that, fully geared, the £50 million seed capital could involve the fund in infrastructure

projects worth up to £2 billion. Innisfree hopes to get re-turns of more than 20 per cent from its investments, much higher than the 10-16 per cent available from the 25-30 year life of a typical PFI project.

According to David Metter, chief executive, the rate of return will be boosted by gearing the financing to 80-90 per cent and focusing investment on the first years of the

He said: "The higher risk is in the early part of the project. There is an opportunity through refinancing or exiting the project to get that higher

Innisfree is structured as a limited partnership, allowing institutions to receive an untaxed income from the fund. The fund expects to recoup its nvestment by selling on its interest in projects directly to income funds or through florations.

The fund will be run by Innistree Management, a new company backed by Roger chairman of Brooke, Candover Investments, and Mr Menez

MCI and Microsoft to work together

MCI COMMUNICATIONS and Microsoft, targeting the growing market for online communications services, said yesterday that they agreed to jointly market and develop a range of online. Internet and networking services. Details on the size of each company's investment were not given. As the first phase, MCI will distribute the Microsoft Network, Microsoft's online service, which MCI will market as a custornised version of MSN. MCI will adopt the Microsoft Internet Explorer as its preferred browser software for navigating the Internet network and package it as part of its Internet offering along with other Microsoft products, including the Internet Information Server and Microsoft Exchange Server.

Microsoft will market to users of its Microsoft Windows operating system a range of MCI services. These will initially include MCI Conferencing and MCI ISDN, it high-speed data transmission service, as well as other market services. Bert Roberts, MCI chairman, said: "With this new strategic alliance, both companies will work closely together to deliver and market integrated computer and communication services to the homes and workplaces of our customers."

Bullough suffers

SHARES in Bullough, the industrial holding company, fell SPIARES in Buildugh, the industrial holding company, lead on 105p after the company announced a 17 per cent fall in profits to £14.5 million in the year to October 31. The company blamed losses at Atal, its French subsidiary, and the resulting £4 million provision for the decline. The share price has fallen 45 per cent. from 190p, since May last year. Gordon Bond, chief executive, said that the company had changed the management team at Atal and made a £2.2 million restructuring provision. The dividend was held at 6.05p.

Strike threat to bank

THE Royal Bank of Scotland is facing industrial action over allowances paid in London after members of the Banking In-surance and Finance Union backed a series of one-day stoppages by 449 to 227. Bifu will set a date for a one-day strike, unless talks are reopened. Sandy Boyle, deputy general secretary, said workers were angry about a five-year freeze on London allowances, which were now worth 20 per cent less than in 1991. The union is seeking a 16 per cent increase to lift the range of payments to between £1,620 and £4,000.

SCB repeats bid denial

STANDARD CHARTERED BANK denied for the second time in a week yesterday that it is in bid talks. It issued a curt Stock Exchange statement saying that "since May 1993, there have been no formal discussions or proposals which would involve the acquisition or merger of the company or the purchase of a strategic shareholding in the company." The move followed weekend speculation that it has held talks with three Swiss banks, SBC, UBS and Crédit Suisse, as well as NatWest and Bank of America. Shares fell 2p at 636p.

Lloyd's opens up review

LLOYD'S OF LONDON has invited the Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) and the Litigating Names Committee (LNC) to join it in reviewing legal documentation relating to the proposed Lloyd's settlement. Sir David Berriman, of ALM, and Michael Deeny, of LNC, will be among representatives on the settlement agreement advisory group. Wilde Sapte, the solicitor, will be retained as legal adviser. The review is intended to ensure that the terms of the settlement are not prejudicial to members' interests.

HTV rights division

HTV, the ITV company in the West of England and Wales, has launched a rights division. Harvest Entertainment, which will sell the rights to its television, video, film, cinema, book and music publishing activities to media customers worldwide. The company said it will spend £25 million to develop the business, which, it predicted, would account for 70 per cent of profits by the end of the decade. Programmes to be exploited include Budgle the Little Helicopter and natural history documentaries such as People of the Forest.

Filtronic moves ahead

FILTRONIC, the electronics company, yesterday announced increased half-year profits of £2 million, up 34 per cent from last year. Turnover was up 26 per cent to £15.2 million. The company, which floated in 1994, specialises in microwave devices for celluar telecommunication systems. Filotronic has been a star stock market performer, with its share price increasing 320 per cent since flotation and yesterday closing up 35p at 440p. It will pay its first interim dividend of 0.75p, equivalent to the whole dividend paid in 1995, on April !.

Trencherwood falls

SHARES in Trencherwood, the Newbury housebuilder, slipped lp to 10p, on word of an expected dip in first-half profits. Pre-tax profits declined to £1.2 million (£2.1 million) in the year to October 31, during which John Norgate, Trencherwood's founder and chief executive, died. Bank loans for new housing sites increased from £750,000 to £23,1 million last year. Turnover slipped to £19.5 million (£23.3 million). Fully diluted earnings per share were 0.71p (1.35p). There is no dividend (nil).

Eldridge Pope revamp

ELDRIDGE POPE GROUP yesterday severed the traditional link between its beer and retail business by creating an independent enterprise within the group. Thomas Hardy Brewery, which aims to exploit shortages of quality bottling capacity in the UK, will now have to compete for business from the Dorchester-based group's retail division. Christo-pher Pope, the group chairman, said: "This forms part of our strategy to structure our business progressively into clearly defined enterprises which are managed independently."

West Merchant Debate on Pay grows as public to buy Panmure offer is rejected By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent WEST MERCHANT BANK, in two chunks by Nations-

HAYNES Publishing in-creased pre-tax profits by 2 per cent to £2.2 million in the

six months to November 30.

Earnings per share were up 0.1p to 8.3p; the interim dividend, due April 30, has

increased from 4p to 4.5p.
John Haynes, chairman,
above, said that general
publishing had a bad six

months and broke even at

the operating level. How-

ever, the core car-manual

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business had improved.

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

AS BRITAIN'S largest pay negotiations opened yesterday with a 2.4 per cent offer to 1.5 million workers, engineering **Profits rise** leaders claim today that pay settlements in the industry are holding steady.
The negotiations are the at Haynes

first large scale talks since the claim last week by Adair Turner, the Confederation of British Industry's Director-General, that real wages should rise in the longer term in order to sustain economic growth. Mr Turner's state-ment prompted a rash of

public criticism. Employers of 1.5 million local authority workers yesterday put forward a 2.4 per cent pay offer, which was immed-iately rejected by trade unions. Pay specialists argue that negotiations such as the local

government deal are crucial for the private and public Employers' leaders, who

have been predicting that this year's pay talks would be difficult, said yesterday that paying more than the £300 million offered yesterday could lead directly to compulsory job cuts.

Arguing that most councils cannot afford any pay increase at all, employers' spokesman
Charles Nolda said that a Case for pay growth, page 27

higher pay rise "would mean even more service cuis, even more job cuts. In many authorities we are no longer just talking about early retirement. For some this means compulsory redundancy."

Keith Sonnet, chief negotia-tor for Unison, said the offer was not the basis for a negotiated settlement: "It does not protect members from rising inflation and is not in line with increases elsewhere in the economy."

The employers' move came as the EEF, the engineering industry employers' federation, suggests today that the background of pay is largely In its latest pay bulletin, the

EEF says that pay deals are holding steady after a twoyear upward trend. hist under half of the settlements recorded by the EEF in the three months to December were for rises of 3-4 per cent, while a further third of deals monitored were for increases of 3 per cent or less.

At the same time, a fifth of wage agreements were for rises of more than 4 per cent. Average settlement levels are currently 3.5 per cent in the engineering industry.

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Beale up 24% in first year By Alasdair Murray BEALE, the specialist department store, yesterday an-nounced profits up by almost a quarter at £3.2 million after its first full year as a quoted

per cent excluding a £300,000 provision for flotation costs. The dividend was raised by 40 per cent to 6.7p and shares closed unchanged at 250p, equalling their high, compared to a flotation price of 171p. The Beale Group, which targets the more affluent and mature consumer, was started in Bournemouth 115 years ago by the Beale family and about 80 per cent of the equity further acquistions. The com-

The company increased

turnover by 7 per cent to £46.3

million, while profits rose 24



Michael Mitchell, left, with Ken Owst, finance director

remains in family hands. The company now owns six stores across the country and said that it was looking to make

pany said that its stores in Bedford, Bournemouth,

Poole and Southport, Mersey-

side, had all increased trading

trading in the new year. Sales have increased by 6.6 per cent on the nine weeks to December 31,

across the group.

Ken Coates, chairman, added: "The current year has started encouragingly and the company faces the future with confidence, in the knowledge that it has achieved the principal objectives set prior to flotation."

profit for the first time. At the

store in Walton-on-Thames,

Surrey, profits were down

after refurbishments last year.

while margins improved

Michael Mitchell, chief ex-

ecutive, said that the company

had made a promising start to

The dividend is payable on profits, while the Winchester April 9.

☐ IF STANDARD Chartered

had really been receiving infor-mal takeover approaches from any number of Swiss, US and British banks over the past three weeks, Patrick Gillam, its chair-

ness trips to Asia this month.

The fact that he did not

suggests that, true to the party

line, there have been no ap-

proaches, informal or otherwise.

That does not mean that Swiss

Bank Corporation, UBS, Credit

Suisse, Bank of America, NatWest et al would not be

interested at the right price.
But the time and price for such.

a move was eighteen months or

two years ago. Even last year would have been better, when Standard Chartered's shares

were at 247p. Now they stand at

636p, a price that analysts say

reflects a serious re-rating. Standard Chartered, like

Zeneca, Thorn EMI and most

recently Ladbroke, is seen as one

of that select bunch of obvious

bid stocks where only the last

punter in will lose money in

these toppy markets. Yet rational analysis suggests the shares are where they are today mainly on fundamentals, that is, the pros-

pects for growth in the Far East.

Standard Chartered should, therefore, maintain this price on

its own, and analysts say the

Backing the Standard response

man, would probably have can-celled a two-week skiing holiday in the US and postponed busishares could even reach 700p without looking stretched. More than half of Standard

Chartered's profits come from Asia Pacific, a proportion that can only rise. The bank is well placed to move into the promised land of South China in the longer term, and into other markets in the region as banking licences become available.

Yesterday's curt statement de-nied formal discussions, or pro-posals which would involve the acquisition or merger of the company, or the purchase of a strategic shareholding in the company, or by implication any other link as yet undreamt of by the gossip-mongers. As if to disprove the existence of any hid premium, the shares then fell just a couple of pence, and that on the back of a weak Hong Kong market.

Lloyds recognised the value of Standard Chartered's Far East-ern franchise in July 1986, when it built up a hostile stake after two formal offers for the bank failed. Speculation that another bid was in the offing continued for the next nine years until, in April 1995, Lloyds finally sold its

4.69 per cent stake in the market. Given estimates of an £8 billion take-out value of Standard Chartered by a hostile bidder, the goodwill write off involved would be far too great for NatWest to consider, and probably too much even for the other

Each of the banks said to be interested in a bid might be interested in a reasonably sized stake in the bank, a friendlier version of Lloyds' hostile invest-ment. However, Standard Chartered's denial suggests that if any of them are considering such a thing, they have yet to inform Standard Chartered.

Why Fed rates above the rest

THE politicians' grand plan for European Monetary Union may be falling apart but the markets seem curiously un-perturbed. There is good reason for their equanimity. The foreign exchange markets have always had an abiding distaste for the whole idea of fixing currencies because it means less business.

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buying of marks in anticipation that the mighty German cur-rency will not, after all, be traded in for the shaky Euro, they seem content to watch EMU's implosion with quiet satisfaction. There is plenty of time for fireworks once the politicians catch up with reality.

The shorter-term reason why the world's bond and equity markets have been doing so well is the belief that interest rates are heading downwards. The Bundesbank has made clear that, although it will stick to its orthodox position of worrying about M3 money supply and keep official rates on hold, it is perfectly happy to drive down market rates - hardly a surprise, given the fragile state of the German economy and its European satellites.

Thankfully, there is no such craving for monetary orthodoxy in America, where market attention turns today. The US Federal Reserve is that prince among central banks, unencumbered with ideology and positively rich in pragmatism. Alan Greenspan has always cautiously pursued the goal of the maximum growth obtainable without inflation, happy to cut rates as long as inflation is low and the bond markets are supportive even if there is no real evidence of economic weakness. This is the key reason why US rates can be expected to fall again. The odds marginally favour the March meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, rather than today's, because of a number of God and man-made factors. Those man-made include a Boeing strike and two government shutdowns, which depressed growth and meant that many key statistics were delayed. God intervened with winter blizzards which will also have dampened output.

The Fed may want to see a more

decision. But, with the markets expecting a cut, Mr Greenspan may see no need to wait.

A crack in the Chinese wall

☐ SOME of the worst cases of insider trading have come after breaches of the Chinese wall between highly paid and intrin-sically unprofitable analysts and those in corporate finance or elsewhere within the same integrated securities house who daily wade knee-deep in filthy lucre. HSBC is well aware of the danger from the loss of even the odd brick from that wall,

The bank's problem, along with almost everyone else in the City, is that the analysts' re-search can be useful to boost that corporate finance work, but there is no way of cross-subsidising that research or ensuring the analysts are rewarded. Yes-terday's merger of James Capel and Samuel Montagu involves a brave stab at this.

The aim is that analysts at Capel should be paid for provid-

ing research to the Montagu corporate finance department.
The risk here would seem to be to
the broker-client relationship.
If a company lets on to its

corporate broker during an in-formal chat that it would quite like to bolt on a swizzle-stick manufacturer to its existing operations, that company is going to be a little unnerved to learn from that broker's corporate finance arm the next day that one such is indeed on the market, at a given price. Alternatively, the company might be quite pleased at such an example of one-stop shopping — but the finance director will be very careful what that analyst learns thereafter.

Qualities of despair

☐ RESPECT, drive, initiative, determination, self-discipline and a willingness to learn: none of them come to mind immediately when the average schoolleaver walks in the door. Yet they are identified as the main qualities sought by employers of young people in a deeply depressing survey by the oxy-moronically named Industry in Education. Most employers would settle for rather less. A glancing familiarity with written English, for example, an ability to communicate other than by grunts, knuckles that managed

Midshires : will not ward off speculators

BY ANNE ASSEMBLES

in the past few weeks."

£50 million of profits to

members in a mutuality

benefits package of im-

proved savers' rates and

Michael Hardern, the funder of Members for

Conversion claims B&B

could be worth £1.5 billion,

about £750 per member. The body intends to requisi-

tion a special meeting to discuss the future of the

society. Dr John Wrigles-

worth, head of strategy, said: The idea that a saver can place £100 with us and

immediatly lay claim to a £750 equity stake is legally

discounted mortgages.

TRAFALGAR HOUSE has sold Ideal Homes, its housebuilding arm, to Per-DESPITE a 25 per cent increase in new accounts. simmon for £170 million in a the Birmingham Midshires deal which leaves little room Building Society anfor Beazer Homes to mount a competing bid. The acquisi-tion will turn Persimmon into nounced yesterday it would not keep speculators at bay by raising its minimum deposit from £100. The soci-Britain's fourth largest housebuilder, selling 6,000 ety cited concern for small homes per year. Beazer had protested that it savers as the reason. Recently, some competitors

was shut out of the bidding for have imposed a £2,500 Ideal this month when Trafal-The society has always gar offered an exclusive negotiating period to Persimmon. said it has no wish to seek a Yesterday's deal, which Permerger or become a bank. simmon is financing in part by a one-for-two rights issue, is An investment of £100 gains voting rights in a society and a benefit from any subject to the approval of Persimmon and Trafalgar flotation payout or free mareholders. Jackson, chief executive, · Beazer said yesterday that it. said: "Building societies are the natural home of the

was still interested in buying ideal flomes but the company small saver and genuine customers have had the will have to intervene quickly to seek the support of Trafalgar shareholders who will door slammed in their faces vote on the Persimmon deal on Rebruary 22. Dennis Webb, chief executive of Beazer, said Elsewhere, a pressure group has been formed to urge the Bradford & Bingley to seek a market an offer from Beazer would depend on their assessment of flotation, rather than return Ideal's tax losses.

"We believe there are tax losses. We said we would pay a premium to net assets but we will have to see Persimmon's figures," he said.

Persimmon said the deal would enhance earnings but its directors were cagey yesterday on the numbers that lay behind their prediction. Duncan Davidson, chairman of Persimmon, said commercial confidentiality prevented him from disclosing the full value of the tax losses in Ideal Homes. "It's perfectly possible for another bidder to come in," he said, "We expect our tax charge to be significantly below the stated 33 per cent rate." Persimmon is raising

Persimmon buys Ideal Homes from Trafalgar for £170m



Duncan Davidson, chairman, said commercial confidentiality prevented him from disclosing the value of tax losses

E91 million in a one-for-two rights issue at 155p per share to help to finance the £170 million purchase price which represents a premium to the net asset value of Ideal Homes

last year of £151 million. Ideal Homes sells 2,600 houses per year, making oper-ating profits of £18.6 million in the year to September and Mr Davidson described the two companies as a good fit, extending Persimmon's opera-

tion into Wales and the South West. The company will take a charge of £2 million for the cost of cutting the number of regional offices by six to 15. Gearing is expected to rise to

the end of the year. Persimmon suffered from a two-point fall in operating margin in the year to December because of the weak housing market. The company

60 per cent post the acquisition

but will fail to 50 per cent by

estimates that pre-tax profit in 1995 was £22.5 million, down from £24.3 million in 1994.

Persimmon sold 3,593 homes last year, fewer than expected. Mr Davidson said that December sales showed an uplift on the previous year and he expects an uplift of 3 per cent in house prices. Persimmon forecasts a final dividend of 6.5p.

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Daiwa sells **US** assets to Sumitomo

By GEORGE SIVELL

Daiwa."

DAIWA BANK has sold its American assets just days before the US deadline set for the Japanese bank to quit the country over the \$1.1 billion of bond losses revealed last year and allegations of misleading US regulators.

Daiwa yesterday announced the sale of more than \$3 billion worth of its US business assets to Sumitomo Bank of Japan.

The two banks said they had agreed Daiwa would transfer loans and related business assets worth \$3.3 billion from its US branches and New York trust bank unit to Sumitomo by Friday. Daiwa \$65 million for rights

to the business at 15 of its US branches and its trust bank arm, Daiwa said. It did not know when payment would be made. Daiwa has 17 branches in the US, two of which are expected to close. Analysts in Tokyo said the banks' decision had been

no surprise to the market.

The deal is unlikely to give much benefit to Sumitomo or boost its carnings," said Nozomu Kunishige, assistant general manager at Kleinwort

Benson International. "It's

widely expected and came as

\$4.3 billion in loans and other transactions in the US. The remaining \$1 billion would be transferred to its parent body in Japan. Analysts believed the assets Sumitomo had agreed to take

national operations.

just aimed at helping out

ties served the bank with a 24-

count criminal indicament

after it revealed it had suffered

\$1.1 billion in losses as a result

of unauthorised bond deals by

one of its traders in New York.

They ordered the bank to close

its doors in the US by Friday.

charges and vowed to fight

them. The allegations include

the accusation that it covered

up the losses. Banking ana-

lysts said the shutdown would

have a gradual negative im-

pact on Daiwa's overall inter-

Daiwa has denied the

in November US authori-

were mostly good loans, and that Daiwa would be left with most of its problem loans in the US. Daiwa also had other types of assets there, includ-ing securities, the bank said, and it was likely that some would be sold. Presidents of the two banks

have said they will consider a merger if the right time comes.

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Hanson takes control of **Desimpel**

By Alasdair Murray

HANSON, the industrial conglomerate, yesterday launched its first foray into the European brick market with the £125 million purchase of Desimpel Kortemark, a Belgian brickmaker. Hanson has secured a con-

trolling stake of 50.1 per cent in the company after offering the Desimpel family £62 million. It intends to buy out the minority stake on the same

Desimpel owns 11 factories in Belgium, four in The Netherlands and France and one in the UK. The company made an operating profit of £17.3 million in the nine months to Spetember and has net debts of £70.5 million. Richard Manning, manag-

ing director of Hanson Brick. said: This acquisition is an exciting move into new markets and will establish Hanson Brick as a leading manu-facturer of clay bricks in

Europe." Aime Desimpel, who founded the business, will be succeeded by his son, Kristoff.

Buyout at Lep as receivers move in

By George Siveu.

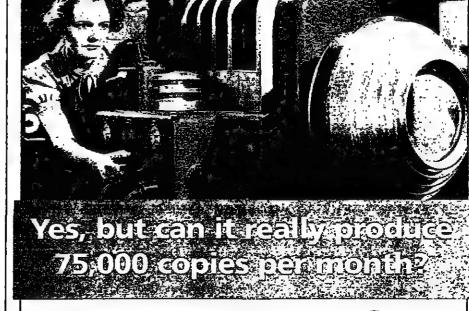
THE management buyout of Lep International, the Surrey global freight forwarder, from Lep, the troubled parent company, was completed

Lep International said yes-terday: "A one pound down payment has been made to facilitate the transfer of the ownership to the new holding company, Lep International Meanwhile, Ian Bond and

Mark Palios, insolvency partners with Coopers & Lybrand. were appointed as administrative receivers to Lep Group, the parent company and eight British non-trading subsidiaries. The parent company owes £127 million to a group of banks, led by National Westminster, which have already swapped £180 million of debts into equity.

Mr Bond said: "Even under

the most optimistic scenario there will only be a partial return to the company's bankers. Unfortunately there is no possibility of any funds be-coming available to shareholders." Shareholders will Tempus, page 26 | meet on February 16.



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Lloyds Chemists soars talk of bid by Germa

Lloyds Chemists were begin-ning to think the bid from UniChem was all over bar the shouting, there was talk of a rival bid from Gehe. the German pharmaceutical distributor

it sent shares of Lloyds Chemists climbing 24p to 450p, one of the best performances of the day, as almost 3.5 million shares changed hands in a market where traders will normally restrict trading to parcels of 10,000.

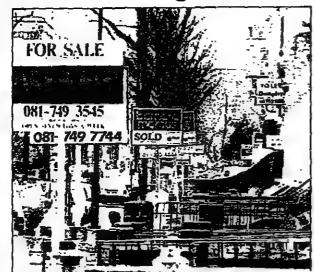
Lloyds is already the subject of an offer of 412p a share from UniChem, valuing the com-pany at E548 million. But whispers in the Square Mile suggest the Germans are poised to increase the stakes and make a counter offer, possibly with the object of making UniChem pay more. UniChem lost up at 249p. The German company was saying

Meanwhile, Standard Chartered, the international banking group, was busily playing down talk of a bid. A statement from the company said that no formal bid talks had taken place since Patrick Gillam had become chairman

in May 1993. There had also been no formal discussions or proposals which would involve the acquisition or merger of the company or the purchase of a strategic shareholding in the

This followed further claims at the weekend that Standard was being stalked by at least three European banks and the Bank of America. Earlier reports had linked it with National Westminster Bank, 2p firmer at 666p. Back in the 1980s Standard managed to fight off an unwanted bid from Lloyds Bank, down 820 at 335p. Standard Chartered finished 2p easier at 636p.

Elsewhere, share prices started the week on a drab note ahead of today's meeting of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee with investors hoping it will signal a further cut in US interest rates. In the event a firm start to trading on Wall Street failed the FT-SE 100 index which had earlier reversed an early seven-point rise. It effectively closed all-square, registering a fall of just 0.1 at 3.734.6. This lack of enthusiasm by investors was reflected in turnover



Abbey National fell after news of a drop in mortgage demand

ional was an early casualty. dropping 18p to 614p after the latest figures showing that the demand for mortgages had dropped to its lowest level for

This has led to revived lears of a price war among Britain's lenders. Last week. Bradford & Bingley and DirectLine cut their mortgage rates and oth-

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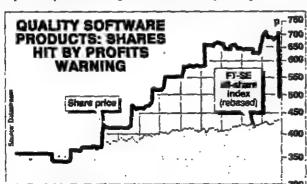
the deal filtered through. Persistent takeover talk lifted Ladbroke Group Sp to 174p. Reports suggest that its financial position makes it vulnerable to an unwanted takeover. Speculators have been linking its name with Bass, up 3p at 729p.

A late rally left Gartmore 42p better, at 2505p, after news that NationsBank, the US bank, was selling Panmure Gordon, its London broking arm, to WestLB. NationsBank, with 25 per cent of Gartmore, has been searching for a partner to acquire the 75 per cent stake held by Banque Indosuez.

James Capel, the broker, and the Abbey's broker, SBC Warburg, rubbed salt in the wounds by altering their recommendations from a "buy"

to a "hold" Farnell Electronics, which has seen its share prices drop sharply since announcing plans to treble the size of the company with the acquisition of Premier in the US. rallied 18p to 630p after talking to a

Trafaigar House was unchanged at 324p after confirming plans to sell its Ideal housebuilding division to Persimmon for E170 million. Trafalgar wants to use the proceeds to reduce debt. Persimmon plans to raise £91 million towards the cost of the acquisition with a rights issue on the basis of one-for-two at 155p. Its shares retreated 4p to 191p, but were



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News of a profits setback left Bullough, the office furni-ture supplier, Sp lower at 105p. Losses in France left overall profits last year down from E17.5 million to E14.5 million.

Stagecoach, the bus operator, accelerated 18p to 366p. The group is paying 540.7 million for GMS Buses, which operates 750 buses in the Greater Manchester area. The deal will be financed by the issue of new shares and a placing of shares at 33lp to raise almost £20 million. The 1,800 workers who invested \$1,000 in GMS two years ago as part of a management buyout will receive £10,000 each. GILT-EDGED: The London market mirrored falls among German bunds with an attempt at rallying after a sluggish start proving short lived. Prices closed near their low for the day with investors interest remaining at alow ebb ahead of this week's meeting of the FOMC and the gift

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Persimmon overkill

PERSIMMON has probably paid a suffi-ciently high price for Ideal Homes to prevent Beazer from mounting a rival bad for the homes business of Trafalgar House. Unfortunately, in its determination to discourage a compenior. Persimmon has been generous to a fault and, sadly, the company is asking

shareholders to pay for its grand ambitions. Persimmon was at pains yesterday to explain that size was not the justification for the acquisition. The deal catapults Persimmon from eighth to fourth place, ranking the company alongside Wimpey, Barratt and Beazer, and gives Persimmon exposure to Wales and the South West. Merging the two operations will doubtless yield savings — six regional offices will be scrapped - but the anticipated provision of 12 million for reorganisation costs suggest no great boost to

the bottom line and Ideal's operating margin is no better than that of Persimmon, about 10 per cent of sales.

In a market suffering from prolonged recession, it makes little sense to pay dearly for assets. Optimists reckon house prices will move up with inflation this year, but transaction volumes are still sluggish, while land prices have fallen. Persimmon shareholders might ask why the company is paying more than £170 million for assets valued at £151 million last September. One argument is tax losses in Ideal Homes which could reduce Persimmon's tax rate from 31 per cent to under 25 per cent, but in the long term, tax is a poor excuse to pay top dollar for land. It is also a poor excuse to issue shares to finance the deal on a 7.5 per cent yield. Persimmon might find it better to buy back its shares.

Stagecoach

PILLORIED by public and private interests alike, Stagecoach is the bus company that everyone loves to hate. The MMC branded its activities in Darlington: "predatory, deplorable and against the public interest," while the Office of Fair Trading has investigated it no fewer than

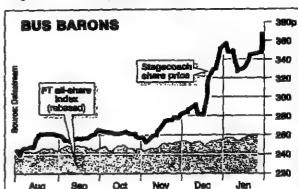
The company still refuses so lie down. Stagecoach shares, which were already near their 52-week high, rose again yesterday on the news that the company has made another acquisition, this time GMBS in South Manchester. The City's investment houses, meanwhile. upgraded their profit fore-

casts for the next two years. The Stagecoach strategy is to maximise the steady cash flow from a bus company. Margins are improved with

ing inroads into the the purchase of more efficient buses and by creatprivatised rail sector with South West Trains. Rail is ing economies of scale; the company is now large enough to demand helty discounts on fuel, spare parts, insurance and the like.

Stagecoach has about 17

per cent of the bus market and can hope to raise it further to 25 per cent but Stagecoach is already makanother potential cash cowthe SWT franchise came with a £48 million dowry from pre-paid tickets - and Stagecoach has is on the shortlist of bidders for the East Coast main line. Shareholders should hang on for



Hanson

BRITAIN'S brick industry is feeling the pain from a flat construction market. Large companies, such as Hanson. Thstock and Rediand, are cutting capacity and swallowing smaller operations, such as Tarmac's brick division. Meanwhile, smaller players, such as Blockley, have suffered.

Hanson's move into the European brick market is enition that the leading UK brick producer has little room for growth at home. Desimpel provides an instant 21 per cent market share in gium. 20 in France and 12 in The Netherlands. By extending its operations to the Continent, Hanson will not only expand its brick operations but also secure some protection against cyclical against cyclical

However, the move is also a sop to a market that has Hanson's shares past few years if its congiomerate

DOLLAR BATES

the purchase is dull but makes sense in an investment market that awards premium ratings to com-panies perceived to have focused strategies.

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Innistree

BIDDERS for projects under nance initiative complain about the bureaucracy, delay and expense of the process, but one of the chief problems has been pricing and packaging the risk. After years of recession, Britain's contractors are not flush with funds and many have complained that returns typically in the low teens are not enough to justify lock-ing up capital.

The Government's chances

of finding support for £25 bil-lion of PFI projects have im-proved with the backing of Hermes and AMP for the Innistree PFI fund. Using their capital as equity and mezzanine finance, Innistree will act in a similar way to a property developer, seeking a highly geared return from the early and most risky years of an infrastructure project. Once the project is up and running with a proven income stream, subsequent investors will demand more modest returns, allowing innisfree to cash in a capital gain by selling its

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Red tape can't tie Powe down

The Gas Consumers Council, which yesterday reported the number of moans against British Gas has doubled in the past year, is in a quandary. Ian Powe, the council's director, has opened a "gifts register" in which everything given to any employ-ee and valued at more than £25 will be logged. Trouble is, the first entry in its new register could be a British Gas corporate tie. Power was given one recently by Roy Gardner, executive director for supply, retail and service at British Gas, after what Powe says was

"a most useful bridge-building meeting". The label proclaims: "Toye, Kenning & Spen-cer. By Appointment to HM The Queen, Suppliers of gold and silver laces, insignia and embroidery. Powe thinks the tie rather handsome, and hopes it does not offend the £25 rule. He wants to wear it, but with a clear conscience. "I was a captain in the Royal Navy before joining the council in 1986, wearing gold braid round the sleeves of roy uniform," he notes.

Anderson country

POOR old British Gas. A' woman phoned the Scottish regional office to say "I've heard all about your troubles on Baywaich . . . ". Perhaps she meant Watchdog ... or could it have been Crimmwatch!

BUSINESS is not too good in New York A sign in a Manhattan jeweller's shop window reads: "Bust-ness-Stinks Sale".



"Let's go down to Harry Ramsden's"

Hello boys

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TWO embarrassed City financiers can expect their telephones to ring nonstop when the latest edition of Company magaz-ine hits the streets. The corporate angels have not done anything wrong. But they have been named, with their picture, in a list of Britain's 50 most eligible batchelors, along with a string of adjectives that include rich, handsome, fun and funky.

The Hon Henry Stew-

art, 23, corporate finance analyst at merchant bank Schroders, and Mark Frankle, 25, a foreign exchange dealer at a French bank, sense that mystery women and/or colleagues put their names forward. Also listed is Joel Cadbury - yes, it's his name on the chocolate bars. Frankel hopes the publicity will enliven dreary foreign exchange markets. As for Stewart, well, he had hoped to have left these shores quietly before Company hit the streets. "I'm off to New York on secondment shortly," the "blond, blue-eyed hunk with all the right credentials" blushed.

Red hot

DENISE DOWEN, environmental lawyer with Dickinson Dees in Newcastle, is obviously a gel with spirit. Asked by The Lawyer magazine what her most often-worn piece of clothing was she replied "A Princess Di face mask". And her most emharrassing professional moment? Setting fire to a slide projector at a client

COLIN CAMPBELL

Would real earnings growth spell economic suicide?

Philip Bassett on

the part 'new pay' has to play in negotiations for better salaries

ay setlements are analysis to ahead of inflation, according to an independent analysis yes terday of current wage deals. Yet Adair Turner, leader of the Confederation of British Industry, provoked an outcry when he suggested that Britain's traditional pay and price spiral is now so distant as to make the prospect of non-inflationary real wages growth not just likely, but desirable. What is going on in pay? For the past two or three years while inflation, although broadly both low and stable, has bounced around a little, earnings growth has not taken off as unemploy-ment has fallen — as our graphic

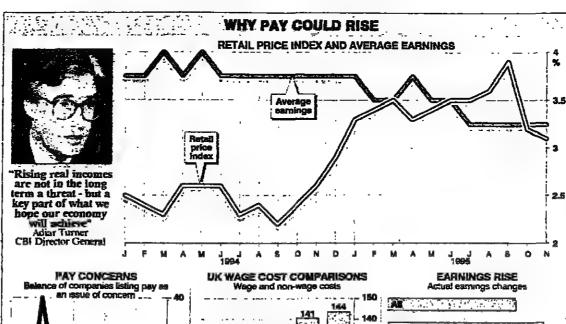
shows.
This apparent reversal of trends over the last 30 years prompted the CBI's Director-General to suggest that real earnings would have to, and should. rise if economic growth is to be sustained over the longer term prompting over-excited media headlines about "bosses urge big pay rises". Yet at the same time, studies such as that from the independent Incomes Data Services yesterday suggest that pay settlements are not only running ahead of inflation, but are at a higher level than they were a year ago.

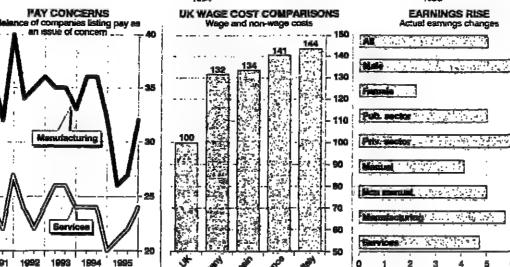
Though Mr Turner's analysis unnerved some ministers and traditional business leaders, most remain sanguine about pay, based largely on the flamess of the monthly average earnings figures, although there is some argument among statisticians about how much pay volatility the Govern-ment's official underlying earnings figures smooth out.

Separate earnings figures from the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey look less sanguine, with actual earnings levels for all employees up a good deal more than the month index

nuggests. But ministers and business leaders remain more worried about comparative competitiveness problems rather than earnings levels themselves. For instance, Vauxhall, which has just settled a relatively serious pay dispute with its manual workers over the company's two-year inflation-linked pay offer, cites such concerns about misinterpretations which might be made of Mr Turner's views by shopfloor bazgainers.

Aware of the UK's rising compara-tive unit labour costs, and indeed the first downturn this month in productivity for a decade, ministers have more than an eye on the political opportunity of attacking Labour's commitments on the social chapter and the minimum wage. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, emphasises Britain's low non-wage costs in comparison with its European competitors. Eric Forth, the Education Minister, may well be pressed on pay





Adair Turner, CBI Director-General, provoked outcry with his preference for non-inflationary pay rises

in the light of Mr Turner's remarks by MPs today when he gives evidence to the last public sitting of the all-party Commons Employment Select Committee after the Government's scrapping last year of the Department of

Vauxhall's settlement of its dispute does not mean, though, that there are no clouds on the pay horizon. Ford is facing an industrial action ballot among its manual workers over its two-year pay offer, though Vauxhall's deal may reduce sharply the readiness of Ford employees to increase their sporadic bouts of action.

Local government leaders are warning of an unusually tough pay round for council employees this year, as some of the large unions seek to established beach-head for their pre-election industrial target of a £4 minimum wage, though ministers believe likely rises will not be unacceptably high.

But pay specialists are increasingly suspicious about the attention given to so-called pacesetter companies such as Ford, arguing that if such an idea has any relevance at all now in an era of fragmented and decentralised pay bargaining, then the much larger employee numbers in service sector companies, such as BT or Tesco, might well be more influential. Indeed, at the Institute of Personnel and Develop-

ment conference addressed last week by Mr Turner, there was much talk of so-called "new pay".

New pay, as personnel vanguardists see it, is not about old forms of pay bargaining, but about the new kinds of pay flexibilities — profit-related pay, performance-related pay, team-based pay, and so on - the impact of which on Britain's labour market were, for Mr Turner, central to why the idea of real earnings growth in the future would not be "economic suicide" and would be unlikely to lead to any return

of the pay-price spiral. New research by the CBI with Hay management consultants among a sample of 3,000 organisations shows widespread actual, or planned, adoption of new pay flexibilities, with up to 56 per cent of companies citing increasing pay and performance links as a key factor driving pay changes for executives and senior managers over both the past two and the next two years, for instance — though righter cost control is still seen as a more important factor

for manual employees' pay. Nevertheless, pay remains a comsany concern, with evidence from the British Chambers of Commerce industrial surveys suggesting it is seen increasingly as a worry by both manufacturing and service firms, while for Eddie George, Bank of England Governor, it remains a threat

to inflation and the reason for the higher interest rates weapon. If increased pay flexibilities give business leaders greater cause to be optimistic about pay in the economy, they can lead to some remarkably high-looking

Sun Life of Canada has just awarded merit rises averaging 6 per cent to office staff. Performance-related pay increases averaging 4.7 per cent came in this month for 7,500 Thomas Cook employees. Britannia Life staff's merit awards ranged up to 9.25 per cent and averaged 4 per cent. Even some traditional, non-'new'pay rises have been for increases higher than minis-ters claim is common. Nissan's January rise was for 4 per cent in the second half of a two-stage deal, as was Nestle's agreement for its craft workers. British Steel agreed increases for its 13,700 employees totalling 4.5 per cent.

Business leaders argue that there is little read-across from such rises to pay in the economy generally, insisting that as long as companies' individual productivity and profitability continue to grow, then they are correct to pay such increases. Even so, the scale of such rises will not sit easily with the idea that pay, prices and growth are in such a state of equilibrium, floating on a cushion of increased pay and labour market flexibilities, that they preface an eventual naturn to growth in real wages.

Seismic shift over growth

welve days ago l thought I was being controversial when I wrote that austerity was predicting that "1996 will be the year when people all over the world decide they have had enough of deflationary claptrap" I was try-

ing to stick my neck out. But now my attempted flight of fancy has turned into the blandest conventional wisdom. In the past week almost everyone who matters in the global economy — from Helmut Kohl, Jacques Chirac and Bill Clinton down to Adair Turner, the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry - has jumped on to the anti-austerity, pro-growth bandwagon.

When I heard Britain's main industrialists' organisation calling for higher wages I thought there must be some mistake. But when this prescription was broadly endorsed by other cap-tains of industry and employers' organisations there could be no doubt a seismic shift in opinion was really under way.

Outside Britain, there have been far more astonishing tergiversations. In America, politicians no longer seem to take seriously the need for a balanced budget. In Europe, the hairshirt of Maastricht is being discarded like an uncomfortable frock that has

gone out of style. To detail the gyrations in the French position is te-dious and pointless. French politicians are changing their minds on EMU by the hour, the only thing that matters is whether the number of U-turns since President Chirac's last apparently authoritiative pronouncement has been even or odd. in France, EMU causes

an overvalued currency and a perpetual recession. But in Germany its effect is the mirror image of that in France - EMU is a source of welcome inflation or, to put it more politely, a salvation from the overvalued mark. So the Germans are suddenly keener on EMU. Last week saw several Bundesbank directors argu-

ing that Germany had to

stick to the Maastricht time-

flight of money into the mark. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, was even more explicit: Germany must stick to the EMU timetable to avoid "a strong appreciation of the mark (that would) hurt exports and jobs". Herr Kohl has begun to hint strongly at a retreat from the Maastricht fiscal targets, which Ger-mans politicians had sworn unanimously to defend to the last drop of French and

Belgian blood, The clearest message of all was delivered by Jean-Luc Dehaene the plain-speaking Belgian Prime Minister. M Dahaene's statement that "competitive disinflation may become as disruptive as a policy of competitve devaluation" was the monetary equivalent of Moses smashing the tablets he brought

down from Mt Sinai. The European elite have finally been converted to a policy preached in these columns in a world where the main economic problem not inflation but unemployment, a weak currency is a positive virtue. while a strong currency is an economic evil, which governments must do their utmost to fight.

Devaluation is not, of course, a state of economic bliss that all countries can attain simultaneously. If one currency is falling, another must, by definition, be rising. However, merely aspiring to achieve a weak currency involves a loosening of monetary policy, which imparts a benign expansionary effect not only to the country in question, but to the world economy.

In the end, of course, the

expansionary forces may produce another upsurge in world inflation. This is why the gold price has suddenly move straight from worry ing about a worldwide slump to fretting about a new inflationary crisis is irrational, even by the standards of financial markets and central bankers. The goldbugs' excitement seems premature. The time to buy gold — and to start worrying about global inflation may be approaching, but it has not arrived yet.

Jon Ashworth on the ultimate client entertainment

Thrills and perhaps spills for business high-flyers

Tired of the same old Worried about losing those key accounts? Well, how about this ... well-heeled stockbrokers can let their favoured contacts loose at the controls of a British Airways. amount to the ultimate in British corporate hospitality.
Novice pilots can swoop low

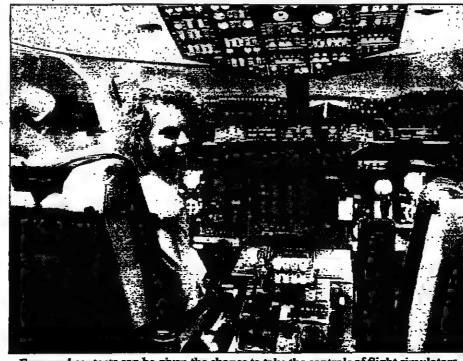
level over Manhattan or even attempt to steer Concorde between the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in a manoeuvre that would have Wall Street bankers diving for cover. Humbler types can take a Boeing 747 for a spin to Hong Kong and back, then take to the sky in a vintage Tiger Moth biplane. The possibilities are endless.

Manhattan, of course, will never really be at risk from overexcited fund managers or marketing men. The action takes place in flight simulators spread around the UK - the fruits of a company called Simulation, based in Clacton, Essex, which combines fly-boy thrills with the more mundane pleasures of fine food and wine. Business is booming, and there is something for everyone.

The ultimate package takes in the BA Concorde simulator. which has never before been available for corporate entertainment. Parties of up to six can dine at Thornbury Castle before taking off by helicopter for the BA facility at Filton. Bristol. Budding pilots can pass under the Verrazano Narrows Bridge and hurtle past the Statue of Liberty before attempting touch-

down at JFK International. Those who really want to splash out can start with Con-corde, then board a genuine

Cessna Citation executive jet for



Favoured contacts can be given the chance to take the controls of flight simulators

a flight to Deauville in France. They return after a splendid lunch -- costing about £3,000 to £4,000 for a six-strong group. The Concorde simulator alone costs £1,639 plus VAT

for six people. Angus Grahame, director of Simulation, says big corporations consider the money well spent. He said: "They say this client is worth to me so many hundred thousand pounds a year. To do something this special is well worth it."

A popular package offers up to 30 minutes at the controls of a jumbo jet, before taking to the air for real in a Tiger Moth. The "Big Jets and Biplanes" proguests at a time and is held around Gatwick.

The Tiger Moth flights take place from Redhill Aerodrome, which has a clubhouse. Biggles fans can pose in goggles and flying jacket for sepia photographs. The pro-gramme typically costs £299 plus VAT per head.

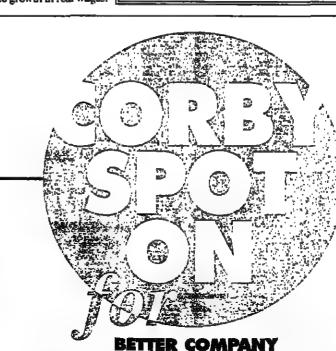
Straightforward simulator packages, starting at £127 plus VAT per head for up to eight guests, are available at Heathrow, Luton, East Midlands, Manchester and Prestwick, A training session in a real Cessna or similar fixed-wing aircraft can be arranged. Demand is more restricted since these venues have only one available

simulator and guests have to fit in with the demands of professional pilots.

Mr Grahame admits to some close calls, but says crashing is actively discouraged. "It can throw the machines off their joists." One of the most challenging

experiences is the Chinook helicopter simulator at Farnborough. An hour costs £329 plus VAT per head. Guests get to attempt to land on oil rigs. Simulation formerly offered

flips on RAF trainers and hopes to break back into the military aviation market. War-crazed enthusiasts could soon be dodging tracers on a low-level bomb



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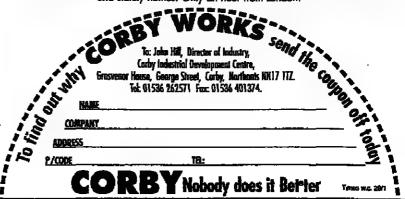
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Japan seeks support for £46n home le ins bailout

FROM PEREGRINE HODSON IN TOKYO

head of the Japan Bar Associa-

tion's sub-committee on or-

ganised crime points out, the

Government's plan is "just a

way to hand lots of money to

gangsters". To add to the Gov-

ernment's woes, some econ-omists estimate total problem

A Finance Ministry official has said the Y1.2 trillion of

public money to pay for the jusen debacle will be merely

the first of several contribu-

tions from the private sector.

This has also been asked to

help to solve the widening

problem of bad loans, by buying bonds issued by troubled banks within their

keiretsu corporate group. Banks are being helped to write off bad debts by using

"hidden profits" on their prop-

erty holdings which rely on

official valuations 50 per cent

Three years ago the Govern-ment and banks set up the Credit Purchasing Corpora-tion in a similar exercise

designed to buy and dispose of

bad debt, but so far it has only

sold 4 per cent of the Y10.3

obtained from troubled finan-

cial institutions. As with the

jusen corporations, many of

these are held by yazuka.
Ultimately, the Japanese

Government faces an impossi-

ble dilemma. The Japanese

equivalent of the US Resolu-

tion Trust Corporation must take losses by selling assets on current valuations which are

approximately 70 per cent less

than the values ascribed by banks at the peak of Japan's

bubble economy. But it cannot dispose of the collateral at

such sharp discounts, because

it will have to make up any

losses with money from the

Deposit Insurance Corpora-

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above market prices.

loans may be Y80 trillion.

mese Government ed Japan's taxpayers port its latest scheme to eir money to liquidate jusen (housing loan) anies. The Chief Cabinet retary said the Governfient "felt a pain like drinking boiling water" over its decision to use public money.

Government and coalition parties have endorsed the plan by which losses on outstanding loans at the mortgage companies — many of which are virtually bankrupt will be shared between the Government and the private sector. Combined with 685 billion yen (£4.24 billion) in public funds the Government intends to use to cover immediate losses, the final burden is likely to be at least Y10,000 for every person in Japan.

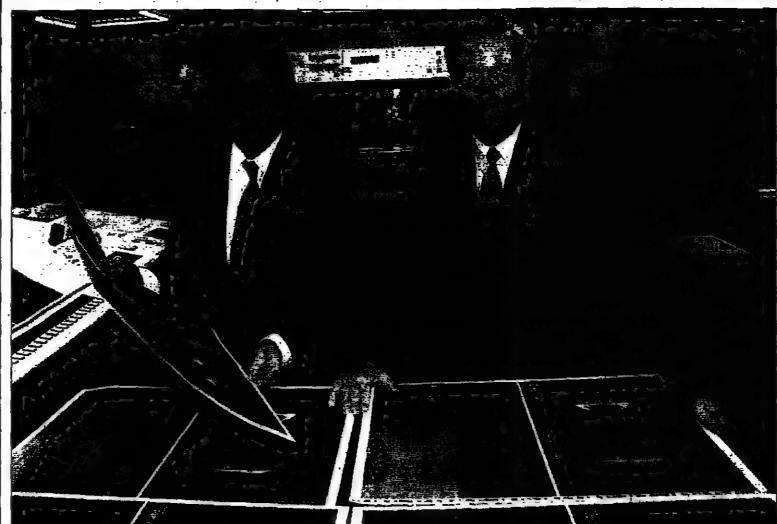
The ruling coalition has formally agreed to authorise Y1.2 trillion of public money to pay for the jusen disaster. But the final bill to Japan's taxpayers is likely to be even higher. The Government has promised to pay back half of whatever is not recovered by asset sales. So far YI.2 trillion is irrecoverable, but almost daily more losses are discovered.

The Government's plan includes the creation of the Deposit Insurance Corporation and Japanese Resolution Trust Corporation - similar to the US Resolution Trust Corporation created by Congress to clean up the savings and loans mess in 1989.

The Y10 trillion of bad debts held by jusen housing loan companies account for about 17 per cent of Japan's bad debts and many are held by Japan's yakuza gangsters.

The Deposit Insurance Corporation is empowered to recover as much collateral as years but as Hitoshi Yamada,

Fulmar flotation will give printer £40m valuation



FULMAR GROUP, the com-mercial printer which pro-duces brochures, book jackets and annual reports for De Beers, Hodder Headline and

coming to the market in the spring, in a listing that values the company at £40 million (Jon Ashworth writes). Mike Taylor, chief executive, said: "We see enormore opportunities both through and organic growth. This is a very exciting time." The flotation will bring about £10 million of new money into the company, which made an adjusted opDecember 3L Mr Taylor, who founded Pulmar in 1972 with a £4,000 loan, leads a 220-

China's CD pirates about to be sunk

THE music industry is turning to technology in its bid to curb China's booming pirate compact disc business. using a method developed by PolyGram, the Dutch record company. to pinpoint the factory where an illegal CD has been made.

The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), which represents the major record labels, says the introduction of this system to China has led to panic among the owners of CD factories, particularly the increasing numbers producing

pornographic CD-Roms and video CDs. Nic Garnett, director-general of the IFPI, said pornographers in China can be punished by death.

PolyGram's system works by running a computer analysis of the moulding pattern of the "pips" - the little bumps on a CD's surface which carry the music, or information. This profile can then be matched to the mould from which the CD came.

The breakthrough in China came when the Shanghai Aerospace Agency began to co-operate with the IFPI and

adopted the process late last year. The IFPI and US authorities remain worried about the growth of piracy in China, which now has about 30 factories with a pressing capacity of 100 million CDs per year. With domestic demand no higher than 15 million CDs, huge numbers are sold to

Hong Kong and Russia. Chinese authorities have largely failed to keep promises made in February last year to introduce the IFPI's system of source identification codes (SIDs), used throughout the rest

of the world to identify the factory where each CD was made. Promises of a six-month blitz on pirate factories were also largely unfulfilled. The IFPI blames central authorities' inability to enforce measures in the provinces.

The US Government, under pres sure from its huge music industry, is thought to be close to reviving a threat made before last February's agreement to impose punitive sanctions worth \$1 billion on Chinese exports if China does not take more effective action against its pirates.

Portfolio Fund gets new owner

Portfolio Fund Management. the fund manager formed in 1989 by Richard Timberlake. former managing director of Fidelity, has been bought by TransAtlantic Holdings in a deal worth £579,000.

David Fischel, managing director of TransAtlantic, becomes chairman of Portfolio. Tim Miller, former group marketing director of M&G, remains chief executive.

Dwyer deal

Dwyer Estates, in a joint venture with Charterhouse Property Investments, has exchanged contracts to buy a portfolio of 14 trading properties from Manulife, in a deal worth £14.55 million. Most of the properties are located in the south of England. Separately, Whitecroft, the building products and specialist materials group, has com-pleted its withdrawal from commercial property development, with the sale of a property in Farnham. Surrey. The sale raised £1.4

Sale in Spain

Ascot Holdings has agreed conditionally to the sale of its ten Spanish hotels and holi-day clubs to a subsidiary of Riu, a leading Spanish hotel group, for £41.45 million in cash. The deal takes group borrowings to about £5 million, compared with £302.1 million as at September 1992, and is part of a continuing programme of asset sales.

ABB order

ABB, the international electrical engineering company, has clinched an order to build a 2,000-megawatt combined-cycle power plant in South Korea, at Poryong, about 180 kilometres southwest of Seoul. The deal is worth about \$400 million to ABB.

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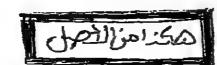
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SHOULD the lid be lifted on the secrets of the jury system? The Maxwell brothers' verdict reopened debate about whether juries should be scrapped for complex fraud trials, Frances Gibb writes. George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office, favours abolition: Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, Attorney-General, believes the issue should be re-examined and says

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the Government will look "very

carefully" at whether fraud trial juries should be replaced with a judge and two experts. But voices are being raised in defence of the system: Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, and Christopher Sallon, QC, speaking for the Bar, said the verdicts "vindicated" trial by jury. The debate is hampered by lack of information on how juries carry out their task - and research is banned by law. A change in the law to

allow research was recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in 1993, which is supported by Lord Mackay of Clashfern. the Lord Chancellor. Last week, too, Lord Donaldson of Lymington former Master of the Rolls, said he would welcome research. But Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, is opposed, saying he would view any move "with concern". He believes research could lead to

criminals seeking to overturn their convictions on the basis of disclosures about jurors' thinking. He said:
"The lay jury is the foundation of our common law and nothing must be allowed to interfere with the confidentiality of its deliberations." In the so-called Ouija

board case, a man charged with two murders won a retrial after four jurors had used a Ouija board to consult one of his victims.





Lord Taylor: would view

Putting juries on trial

Lord Mackay: wants

The result of the Maxwell brothers' case has put the system under the spotlight

Research into decision-making by jurors is illegal. Mike McConville says why he thinks this is wrong

transactions and financial market dealings outside their experience. Jurors, they felt, could not retain the evidence in long trials and therefore had an insecure foundation for their verdicts.

George Staple: favours . . . Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC: abolition of fraud jury . . . issue needs re-examining

guilty" verdicts in the Maxwell brothers

trial may well represent the most carefully deliber-

ated suicide note in legal history. Indeed, the obituary

notices for fraud-case juries

are being prepared even be-fore death has occurred while

the circling vultures are still in

dispute about the identity of

the corpse. It remains true that.

though the Serious Fraud

Office and George Staple, Its

hapless director, are favoured

by some for an early demise, it

is the jury itself that seems

most likely to require the kiss

of life, at least in complex

The first words of the death:

sentence for fraud juries were uttered ten years ago by the

Fraud Trials chaired by Lord

Roskill. The committee's pro-

posals for reform of the man-

agement of fraud prosecutions

vere acted on almost immed-

iately; its recommendation for a single unified organisation

to take on all the functions of

detection, investigation and

prosecution of serious fraud

quickly manifesting itself in the establishment of the Serl-

ous Fraud Office. But recom-

mendations for the jury

proved politically unsus-tainable. The public per-ception of the prosecution in the Maxwell brothers' case as

a costly debacle, however, may

ease the path of those who

would wish the jury killed off.

lieved juries got into difficul-

ties when faced with complex

The Roskill Committee be-

Accordingly, a majority of the committee recommended that juries be replaced in serious trand cases by trial by judge and two expert lay assessors. But most of the concerns underlying their pro-, mittee itself — precisely noth-posals have been _____ ing. Roskill did

removed and The verdict, were certainly not in evidence in the Maxwell There, the prosecution was hanco-ordinated agency, judge

and jurors had full administrative and technological support, the judge took control of the case and applied best-management principles to it, the jury was subject to intensive screening and the indictment, far from being overloaded, was stripped to its

bare essentials. The case also proved what intelligent observers had always argued: that allegations of serious fraud are reducible to simple transactions easily understood by the ordinary person. Against this back-ground, the Maxwell brothers'

trial seems more to illustrate the virtues of a modernised ions to be rational and system than an example of thoughtful and that they had archaic practice. Yet Sir Nichinsight into gaps or mistakes in the prosecution or the olas Lyell, the Attorney-General, seems unconvinced. He defence case. Yet the absence of a secure factual basis for what does go

wants to re-examine the Roskill proposals. The problem, however, is that the information on which any reasoned decision could be based is the same as that available to the Roskill Com-

no research into jury decisionmaking, indeed none has been as the case. Contempt of

Before that, I conducted research into jury verdicts with Dr John Baldwin -Usay Triais, Ox-

ford University Press). Using questionnaires, we interviewed police, lawyers and judges involved in trials on the verdicts of juries. Their view was that mostly the jury had got it right. In 1992, I also helped with a

television programme, Inside the Jury, in which a shadow jury watched a series of trials and their deliberations were filmed and matched with the real jury. In the vast majority of cases, the shadow jury came up with the same result. The

Changes ought not to be considered without a system-atic evaluation of fraud trials by accredited researchers. As we said in 1979; there seems "no good reason why the jury room should continue to be inviolate". This means looking not just at the jury, but also at the organisation, management and presentation of the prosecution, the contribution of the judge and the perfor-mance of the defence. Anything less will almost certainly justice — a fraud on the jury. The author is professor of law and director of the Legal Research Institute at Warwick University.

such cases but to enable those who prepare prosecutions - who are prevented by restrictive rights of audience from appearing in court before juries - to gain a better understanding of how their fellow citizens weigh up questions of personal guilt or innocence.

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convince. He has a touching faith in the value of cross-examination as a means of establishing the truth, a belief that finds little support

What Labour needs to do

Tony Benn's diaries for January 1975 record that he approached his Cabinet colleague, Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, "about the disturbing security case of the Civil Service candidate excluded because she read the Morning Star*. Appreciating that good advocacy contains large quantities of flattery. Benn told Elwyn-Jones: I'm talking to you as a great liberal Labour lawyer." Elwyn-Jones was unmoved. "Well," he replied, "I'm Lord Chancellor now."

Postwar Labour governments have promoted substantial legal reforms, including the introduction of legal aid, the creation of the Law Commission and the prohibition of discrimination on grounds of race and sex. But Labour Lord Chancellors, and Labour law officers, have frequently disappointed their supporters. On too many issues, Labour lawyers have proved themselves part of the legal establishment which they ought to have been reforming. Some of the difficulties faced

by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the present Lord Chancellor, in his attempts to change the legal profession from a gentlemen's club into an efficient business serving the public interest, have been caused by the outrage felt by aggrieved lawyers who realised that here was a politician who actually intend-ed to amend their working The next Labour government

will start with the distinct advantage that a stimulating agenda has been set out in Law Reform For All, a collection of essays by 26 Labour lawyers, and edited by David Bean, a barrister, for the Society of Labour Lawyers (Blackstone Press, £14.95). As Tony Blair, the Labour leader, explains in his intro-

duction, the proposals are not party policy, but they will considerably advance the important debate about the future of the legal

The main contribution is from the Shadow Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC. He presents an incisive and persuasive analysis of what needs to be done to improve access to justice, to confer fundamental rights on individuals, and to reform the law governing such topics as immigration, discrimination and secrecy. He rightly emphasises that legal aid eligibility must be restored to those who have lost it since 1979 and that legal aid should be extended to cases heard by tribunals. He powerfully criticises the Government's proposals to cap legal aid, which would lead to an unprincipled scheme like the discredited

in social science research. His support for the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law is undermined by the suggestion that a Human Rights Act should "provide that its protections can only be relied on by individuals, and not by companies or by organisations". Are newspa-pers and trade unions to have no enforceable rights? And how can new Labour expect to win the confidence of the City if the party denies rights to companies?

Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, explains the

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urgent need to improve the "lamentably amateur" system for selecting, training and moni-toring the judiciary. Keith Vaz, MP, and Maria Fernandes call for the restoration of rights of appeal for those refused entry to the United Kingdom as visitors, Michael Supperstone QC, makes an eloquent plea for amendment of the law on official secrecy and for a limit to ministers' reliance on "national secu-rity" to deny us the right to know how they are

governing on our behalf. He diplomatically omits to mention that the 1977 law report of R v Home Secretary ex parte Mark Hosenball is a reminder of the shameful performance of the most recent Labour Government in this area. Rabinder Singh maps out a

programme (short-term and long-term) for the reform of discrimination law, so that the existing, inadequate strands are bound together to form a powerful principle of equality, requiring that people are judged on their merits, thus promoting justice and efficiency by helping the best person to be appointed to the job. Wisely, he says nothing about the illegality of all-women shortlists for selecting parliamentary candidates for a

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political party. In his essay on legal aid and justice, Roger Smith rightly criticises the current strategic plan of the Lord Chancellor's Department for treating "the efficient and effective administration of justice at an affordable cost" as the objective to be achieved. Cost is certainly a significant consideration, but it is a means to the more important, and inspiring, goal of the achievement of social justice".

Law Reform For All does not provide a detailed study of complex matters of policy, or give an objective assessment of the mixed performance of previous Labour lawyers. But it identifies, with clarity and force, the substance of what a Labour government needs to do in order to promote justice -- legal as well as social. It defines the basic criteria by which the performance of the Lord Chancellor and of the law officers in the next Labour administration will be judged.

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Tickets to the recording of Chambers in Broadcasting House are now available. It will be broadcast this spring.

Poaching game KEVIN MAXWELL'S lawyers. Peters & Peters, have scored another coup against their old adversary by hiring Peter Binning, a Serious Fraud Office lawyer.

Mr Binning did not work on the Maxwell case "and I accepted the job before the Maxwell verdicts were announced", he said. He likes to think of himself as a gamekeeper turned poacher.



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Getting married: artists Ian Hughes and Lucy Ross

Though I am not sure that it isn't the other way around. Some people see the SFO as the poacher and the defence solicitors as the gamekeepers," he said.

Valentine hope

A VISIT to an exhibition at the law firm Collyer-Bristow's art gallery may offer the perfect Valentine's Day op-portunity A recent exhibition there featured the works of two Scottish artists, Ian Hughes and Lucy Ross. They had never met before but they have just announced they

intend to marry. The new exhibition takes dance as its theme, and will be opened tomorrow by Viviana Dur-ante, the principal ballerina with the Royal Ballet.

● RALPH PICKEN, banking lawyer and bon viveur, is rel-ishing taking over as managing partner at the London firm Trowers & Hamlins on to bring a relaxed approach to the role, alleviating the rigours of the job through the dogged pursuit of fine wines, excellent food, contemporary art and exotic travel."

Under fire MARTIN MEARS, the Law Society president, is launching an inquiry into the circulation of an article by The Mail on Sunday detailing his do-

on still leaves the field open to speculation, innuendo and prejudice. O.J. Simpson's jury,

we are asked to believe, got it

wrong through lack of deliber-

ation. In the Maxwell broth-

ers' case they supposedly erred through over-deliberation. Yet

the verdict on the jury is made

without any deliberation at all

and it is hard to believe that

giving consideration to the issue of jury trial had the

There is an alternative,

more plausible explanation to

that of jury error for the Max-

well verdicts: that on the case

before them as presented, they

got it right. Could it be that the fault — if any — lay with the

prosecution, not so much in

the way the technical evidence

was put to lay jurors, but in its failure to put forward what

was necessary to convince a panel of ordinary chizens of an individual's guilt?

The Maxwell brothers' jury

may well have concluded that

a massive fraud had been

committed but that the defen-

dants were not personally culpable. If so, we should not

be seeking to scrap juries in

Age-old problem THE LIFE of Sir Thomas

More is being celebrated on Thursday with a lecture by Professor Simon Lee. The

lecture, at the Old Hall in

Lincoln's Inn at 6pm, marks

the 500th anniversary of Mo-

re's admission to the Inn as an

18-year-old. Given the prob-

lems he faces with his divorce

reform proposals, it may not

have escaped the current Lord

Chancellor's attention that More landed in hot water

over divorce.

Maxwells been convicted.

mestic circumstances. Mears publicly attacked the head of public relations, Sue Stapely, for including the article among a routine circulation of press cuttings — and then came under fire from council members for doing so. The incident is the latest in hostilities at Chancery Lane: staff say things have never been more difficult.

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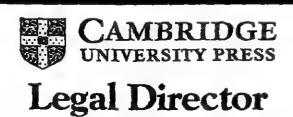
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now enjoying success in advis-ing both corporate clients and

financial institutions bears out

the benefits of having experi-

ence in both capacities. Ac-

cording to Barbara Stephen-son of Norton Rose (which

also enjoyed a good year in

1995), it is important to under-

stand the issues from both

ends. It is also critical to be

well regarded by the banks,

since they are often crucial in

influencing which lawyers are

used. A company's normal legal advisers may be over-

looked if they lack City credi-

bility. Ms Stephenson says:

After some of the things

which happened in the great boom of the Eighties, everyone

is very concerned that there

should be no mistakes. That's

why an established reputation

John Clark, of Theodore Goddard, acknowledges, with

some frustration, that clients

often like to "play safe with the

big names". His firm made

good progress last year in the

mergers and acquisitions field, but has not yet broken

into the elite group. "I'm

confident my team could match the skills of the top

firms, but the big ticket jobs

still tend to go to them," he says. Having been involved in

the TSB-Lloyds merger, how-ever, Mr Clark and his team

are starting to get a feel for what it might be like at the top.

pitching for the pinnacle. Al-

though just half a dozen

lawyers may be working con-

tinuously on a big deal, there

may be occasions when up to

25 are required to pitch in over

a weekend. To have that kind

of strength on tap demands

that a constant flow of work is

coming through. And not ev-

eryone wants to take that risk.

As last week showed, how-

ever, takeover work is the

biggest game in town. To win

you need the nerve of a poker

It can be risky, however,

for reliability is paramount."

Frances Gibb asks if attitudes towards women in the law are changing

The quiet battle of numbers rages on

the best-known chambers at the Bar. The election of Laura Cox. QC, 44, as head of the 40-strong leading civil liberties set, Cloisters, is still unusual enough to prompt comment: the number of women who have reached the top of what was once an almost all-male, preserve is rising. But the proportions remain starkly disparate: Ms Cox is one of 57 women Queen's Counsel of a total 891 QCs; and one of a handful of women heads of chambers. And women, While now accounting for nearly half: the Bar's new entrants, are still only 1,900 of 8,500 practis-

ing barristers. Her election to succeed David Turner-Samuels, OC.

MEN and women are entering the law.

in equal numbers. But a report just published by the American Bar Associ-

ation shows that in America, as in

Britain, women remain unequal when it comes to promotion, pay and opportunities. In 1995 only 12.9 per cent

of partners in the top American law firms were women. In New York a

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who founded the set in 1954 with John Platts-Mills, QC, is therefore significant - and timely. Ms Cox, who is also the 1996 chairman of the Bar's sex discrimination committee, was closely involved with work on the Bar's equality code which chambers must

"So much has been done in the past five years," she says, The Bar is really getting its house in order - the equality



Laura Cox: "The equality code is about educating people"

code brings it into line with the best practice in much of

Now, she argues, the issue is how to put it into effect without

CHANGING THE CULTURE SATURDAY APRIL 20

Slow progress in America

they are becoming victims of arch political correctness. "It's more aware. It's nothing more radical than requiring people to be sensitive in the way they

about educating people to be

making people fearful that

A conference organised by the Bar and the Law Society and sponsored by The Times will take place on April 20. Speakers include Lord Justice Otton, Mr Justice Sedley, Mrs

of the Equal Opportunities Commission and Lady Howe. Registration before Feb 29: £129.25 (inclusive of VAT). After Feb 29: £164.50; students and trainees: £58.75. De-Justice Arden, Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman tails: Blair Communications (0171-722 9731).

deal with their professional colleagues."

Ms Cox herself has not suffered discrimination. She has combined a thriving practice in employment, discrimination and professional negligence work with bringing up three boys (15, 12 and two) but pays full credit to her husband who gave up his career as a horticultural scientist to stay at home and look after the children. Nonetheless, women do face obstacles and fail to progress as they might, she says.

The problems will be aired

at a conference in April (for lawyers, managing partners, heads of chambers, clerks and personnel managers). The necasion - where speakers will include Martin Mears, president of the Law Society, and Cherie Booth, QC - promises to be lively: the first conference of its kind, last year, was the scene for allegations of sexual harassment which set in train events leading to Mr Mears's election. Margaret McCabe. the barrister whose idea it was, snys: "It was hugely successful, packed out. Last year was really about raising awareness - for many lawvers, it was the first time they'd really compared notes and found they faced the same

This time we are looking at the practical problems, how to change attitudes. As the title suggests, there needs to be a whole changing culture if women lawyers are to achieve

there is only a 1 to 2 per cent difference

There is some good news, however.

American companies — their numbers

corner. "They still suffer from a lack of

expectation. They are not really in-formed about the barriers in the

profession and they may not always

realise that their failure to go forward

is the result of hitting these barriers."

profession," Ms Bellows says.

was a bumper year for legal fees. Philip Healey, editor of the magazine, said that there were no obvious factors to suggest that the good times would not continue, and the

between men and women exiting the look, above all, for cast-iron security from their legal advis-More women are being promoted to the position of General Counsel within ers and nothing breeds confidence like involvement in a high-profile transaction. Lovrose by 20 per cent to 528 in 1995. But, Ms Bellows says, women law-yers must learn to light their own ells can be assured that others will follow Granada's lead in making use of its services.

As the annual rankings reveal, however, it is the usual gang of four" (Freshfields. Slaughter & May, Linklaters & Paines and Clifford Chance) which dominate the top end of the mergers and acquisitions market.

Big fish get the boardroom deals

Mergers and acquisitions are back in favour. But City credibility is all in the scramble to clinch the work

ast Tuesday evening Dan Mace, of Lovell ↓ White Durrant, partied in the City along with the other advisers to the successful Granada bid. On Wednesday he attended his clients, AGM, to enjoy the spoils of victory. For the Lovells team, and its opposite numbers at Slaughter & May, who had provided advice to the bankers, it was an excellent, but demanding. start to the year. "We'd been involved in the

bid since the end of November and there were plenty of occasions when we worked through the night," Mr Mace says. "We normally met the clients a couple of times a week and it was essential that everyone should be available all the time."

The Granada takeover of Forte has been the most contentious deal for some time, and it may signal the return of the successful hostile bid. In any case, it clearly underlines the point that mergers and acquisitions work is back on the agenda of City law firms in

a major way.

This had already been suggested by the figures in this month's Acquisitions Monthly. These pointed out that 1995 Forte takeover bears that out.

In tense City battles clients

What is more interesting is to see newer faces trying to JO CARR | break into this lucrative mar-



Dan Mace: took part in the Forte takeover

ket. Creeping in at the bottom of the premier league is Olswang which, while best known for its media and information technology work,

is now becoming a force in corporate finance. Simon Olswang says: "We have been working hard at this field. What clients want is 100 per cent reliable advice,

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☐ Top 20 legal advisers to companies in UK public takeovers in 1995:

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woman lawyer's chance of becoming a: parmer has fallen from 15 per cent in 1981 to 5 per cent in 1995. Over the same

period, men's rate of promotion fell only : 4 points from 21 per cent to 17 per cent.
Laurel Bellows, a lawyer based in
Chicago who chaired the ABA's commission on the status of women lawyers, says she had expected to find that there had been steady progress. Instead, the commission found that

neither the sheer number of female

law school graduates, nor the mere passage of time, nor even the elevation of individual women to positions of prominence has dramatically enhanced opportunities for women as partners, law professors or judges". The status of women has changed

little since America's First Lady, Hillary Clinton, delivered the commission's jast report seven years ago. "Firms can no longer say there are not enough women about. Law firms have the ability to select women for promotion but have made the decision not to do so," Ms Bellows says. The report identified only one area where the rates of promotion reflected the make-up of the available pool of lawyers - more than 31 per cent of President Clinton's judicial appointments at federal level have been women. Women were also, on average, still

paid less. Research in Colorado found that women who had one to three years' experience earned US\$7,000 less than male counterparts, even though their experience and fee-earning capabilities were the same.

The commission found that the legal workplace was rife with attitudes and actions that devalued women by excluding them from many avenues of career enhancement, restricting their access to key clients, questioning their commitment if they wanted to have families and stigmatising their requests for flexible work schedules. The commission was happy to

debunk at least one myth - that women lawyers are quitting the practice of law in droves. "This myth fuels the false stereotype that women are less committed to their careers. But

Women, she says, have the ability and numbers to demand change. "but they

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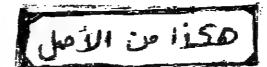
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Fugard returns to face the new South African

tive: to protest against apartheid. We fuelled our creativity with abhor-rence," says the most famous of them, Athol Fugard. "It provided a powerful energy. Now we have to find a new motor to drive us." Fugard seems to have faced

the challenge successfully in Valley Song, a play he describes as "a transitional piece" which reflects the new political mood in his beloved homeland. Valley Song is a two-hander, but with three characters. Besides directing the piece, Fugard plays both the Afrikaner Author, closely modelled on himself, and Buks, a poor Coloured (mixed race) tenant farmer. Buks's only companion is his adored teenage granddaughter, Veronica, a talented singer, who wants to escape to the city in search of fame and fortune.

Valley Song was first per-formed at the Market Theatre in Johannesburg last summer and, after a spell in New York, opens at the Royal Court tomorrow. Fugard, a wiry, energetic 63, has been associated with the campaigning Market for 40 years. The theatre's present director, the actor John Kani, acknowledges its changing role in the new South Africa. Educational ects have used drama to teach first-time voters about the workings of democracy, while teachers request more conventional help to assist in spreading the warning about Aids and to illuminate texts such as Julius Caesar and Romeo and Juliet. Here continuing political division provides clear parallels, the Montagues and Capulets being identified with the rival ANC and Inkatha parties.

The audience at the Market Theatre has always been multiracial, its licence originally, and grudgingly, allowed because the building was literally part of a market, one of

the few areas where people of

different races could mix free-African writers ly, Fugard says that the audi-had a clear objection ences for Valley Song were made up more or less equally of blacks and whites. "It is the one established theatrical venue in Johannesburg patronised by Soweto, he says. But, even allowing for the respect accorded him as a battle-hardened anti-apartheid campaigner, wasn't he counting trouble in daring to impersonate a poor Coloured

farmer?

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Fugard has been surprised, he says, by the almost complete absence of adverse criticism, especially in America. "I expected to be shot down in flames. In fact, the young black girl and the old white man angether on the stage make a family, and that had a tremendoùsly positive effect in the United States."

Choosing to play Buks was no whim: "For about 40 years I have been trying to do this, hoping that people will see beyond skin colour to the essential humanity of another," he says. "In moving from the white Author to the Coloured man, with just a woollen cap and a change of posture to make the difference, I am taking that challenge a step further."

Besides, he believes he has much in common with Buks. We are two sides of the same coin. I am a white South African, with all the privileges that implies; he is poor. But as a man he is the person I would have liked to be, not for his poverty, but his dignity and values." Cultivating the land is

Fugard as a writer: "Him with his handful of seeds is Athol Fugard with his handful of words." His love for the landscape of South Africa is lyrically expressed in Valley Song.

Buks is based on a real person, now 78 and ailing, living in the remote village in the Karoo, the semi-desert a day's drive from Johannesburg, where Fugard lives. The house the Author buys and Buks fears he will have to leave is Fugard's house.

The Author is taken directly from my life," Fugard says. I felt compelled in the premiere production to go out there and take it on the chin myself." Veronica, too, has a real-life counterpart (although unrelated to the Buks character). She is now in Cape Town trying to realise her dream and become a singer.

But however specific the detail, the story — of ambitious youth thwarted by possessive, emotionally dependent age - is an archetypal one. Even this has echoes of Fugard's past. "It is partly written out of my experience of early manhood. My father was a cripple, dependent. I knew survival in my own right depended on my leaving.

His subsequent career led to a string of famous plays, many of which, including Boesman and Lena and Sieve Bansi is Dead having been performed at the Royal Court. Pugard has been a hero to liberal British audiences for a couple of generations. This week he has enjoyed a sense of homecoming in wintry London and is realising an ambition to act on the Court stage, having often directed his work there. Despite the chill, he jogs daily and is energetically re-re-hearsing his first (South African) Veronica, Esmeralda Bihl is a 24-year-old actress and singer who had to make much

the same commitment to her career as the character she Pugard is eager, warm, relishing a good talk about



Fugard wrote, directed, and plays two parts - one of them a Coloured man - in Valley Song

South Africa, delighted to know that I had been there recently. Valley Song's underlying theme is, of course, the emergence of the new, youth-ful, black state into an uncertain future. Fugard remains unsentimentally optimistic.

"For the majority the new South Africa looks and feels like the old one: squatter camps, unemployment, crime and violence are still there," he says. "Yet I am amazed at how complete the change has been in terms of political structures. On election day - voting took all day; there were three-mile queues - there was a sense of liberation, for whites included: they posted their guilt into the

Buks cannot live without his land, his akkers; Fugard feels a similar pull to acres of white paper". Sitting on the Royal Court stage where he has spent the morning as actor

and director, he refers to Fugard the writer in the third person. "He needs a couple of hours a day. I can't give him that during rehearsals, but when I'm free during the day..."Then, he will carefully set out paper, pencil and Waterman's pen and dig deep into the South African earth

● Valley Song opens at the Royal Court, Stoane Square, London SWI (0171-730 1745) tomorrow

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really involving. That said, the whirling finale to Op 59 No 3

which brought Sunday's con-

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fraught and fragmented.

Passion hidden under the frolics

as simple as that. Whether they are singing ballads for the broken-hearted, or cranking out rock standards, there is an infectious good humour about the band. They chat happily to the audience, fool around in the encores (of which there are four) by swapping instruments, and give the impression they are

loving every moment. Not that they have much to complain about. Their latest album, Music For All Occasions, has been lavished with the praise that earned its predecessor, What A Crying Shame, a platinum disc and won two awards from the

Academy of Country Music. This success could, of course, be a sign that they have merely succumbed to the conservatism of the country establishment. They have, after all, forsaken their native Miami for Nashville. And there is no escaping their penchant for the sweet sounds of the Fifties and Sixties. There are, too, the cover versions: Guantanamera, Jambalaya, The Mavericks could be just another exercise in easy listening nonsense - country music's Mike Flowers, less

The Mavericks

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They could be, but they are not: the fun is anything but Raul Malo, the band's sing-

er and songwriter, sees to that. With his clothes and slickedback hair, he resembles an American golf pro, but his singing tells another story. His voice has the pleading tones of the late Roy Orbison: the sound of someone who expects heartbreak and lives

Malo depends on the selfeffacing support of the other Mayericks: Robert Reynolds (bass), Nick Kane (guitar) and Paul Deakin (drums), with the additional help of Jerry Dale

McFadden on keyboards. When he sings Make The World Go Away, Malo seems to discover hidden passions in the simple sentiments. During an extraordinary rendering of Blue Moon, he reinvents the song. When he stops, he chuckles: he's having fun too.

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Riot of sound

DREADZONE's London show was originally scheduled to take place last Decemwake of the Brixton riot. In the six weeks in between, the band have had a hit single with Little Britain, and so the night's atmosphere was charged with as much of a party spirit as if it had been the lestive season.

The core of Dreadzone originally played together in Big Audio Dynamite, so it is not surprising that the two bands share the same kind of dubbeat pop roots. This time round, bassist Leo Williams has stepped up to frontman, while Greg Roberts continues to play drums and Tim Bran controls the beat systems.

Dressed in a long white duster-style coat with his bass slung and his super-long dreadlocks flailing out behind him. Williams looked like the perfect modern outlaw. He whirled around the stage, urging the crowd to dance along with him, and occasionally shared the microphone with Earl Sixteen, one of the guest vocalists on last year's Second Light album.

Dreadzone Fridge, Brixton

The band's dub-heavy sound lent itself to everything from the spaghetti western of the Morricone-sampled The Good The Bad and The Dread and the Irish seashanty Captain Dread to the defiantly straightforward anthem Zion Youth. When they played Little Britain it got the biggest cheer of the night, maybe not just because it is their hit single but also because it was a microcosm of their overall sound.

The band encored with the hard-edged Fight The Power. which was accompanied by footage of the chaos in Brixton last December and the 1992 American race riots. With the outside temperature below freezing, it was way too cold for a follow-up riot but, when the closing strains of The Warning came echoing out of the Fridge door, it served as a reminder that warmer, more volatile times lie ahead.

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CONCERTS: New talent unearthed in Explorations 96; Beethoven quest continues; Kremer goes his own way

Thursday evening, the London Sinfonietta presented another showcase of works by young composers, all receiving their world, Brit-ish or London premieres. As on previous occasions. Oliver Knussen's quality control proved reliable.

Michael Gandolfi's pro-gramme note for Design School discussed the inspiration of the lithographs of M.C. Escher. Gandolfi admitted he did not find them greatly expressive, and his own composition was similarly motivated more by design principles than anything else. Not too promising, it seemed, and indeed the open-ing was somewhat soulless. But the second movement contained an engaging passage of interlocking wood-winds and a prowling figure that seemed to be a representation of Escher's reptiles. But no, this was supposed to be the

third movement, which to me

appeared far more cerebral. The fourth movement was

driven by powerful motor Having entirely failed to comprehend Gandolfi's illustrated note, with its references to Fibonacci series, "electron journeys" and alligators. I approached Richard Causton's The Persistence of Memory with more optimism. His down-to-earth but evocative note spoke of a strange personal experience undergone in

His deployment of conflicting tempos and rhythms made perfect sense in this context, with the notion of suspended time skilfully conveyed. The work's opening, with its haunting sonorities, also seized the attention. Causton, a 24-year-old British composer, is a name to watch.

There were imaginative sonorities, too, in Of Tears & Saints, by the Romanian-born Sninu. This piece

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had an arresting section of dense textures, with bells, tinkling celeste and various layers of strings and wind, while another section featured jagged chords against beating

Karen Markham, who contributed a memorable piece called Whirligig at a previous Sinfonietta presentation, pur-sued the rotation theme once again, to excellent effect. in The Wheel Has Turned. This time the oscillation was less hectic, but it provided a unifying motivic principle that com-

falling timpani roll that seemed more

appropriate to the villain's entrance in a

Victorian melodrama.
Yet he passed the one essential test of

performance he held the attention. His

performance was urgent, as tightly

theme of a spiritual quest. The American compose Ron Ford, in Inferno, 1, 32, offered the one piece I would not choose to hear again. Whether or not its deafening thwacks on drums (fitted with plywood inlays) were intended to be alienating, what followed was distinctly unappealing. One group consisted of viola

(Paul Silverthorne), bandoneon (an Argentine accordion played by Per Arne Glorvigen) and soprano (Susan Narucki). The soprano's words were entirely inaudible, because a second group, a 13-piece ensemble, was made to punctuate them loudly with offbeat jabbing dissonances. The third group was the percussionist with his plywood and mallets.

Inferno, I. 32 was tedious. rebarbative and incomprehensible. However, all praise to the Sinfonietta and its conductors, Knussen and Stefan BARRY

Frantic to be heard

ith Friday's and Sun-day's concerts be-hind it, the Emerson String Quartet is now halfway through its Beethoven cycle at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. In this chronological survey of the music, all six of the early Op 18 set and the three middleperiod Razumovskys (Op 59) have now been explored and, from tonight, the players journey on towards the works of Beethoven's late period.

So far the Emersons have confirmed their reputation for gripping, illuminating performances, and they have attracted almost-full houses on the South Bank - a testimony to the grip of the music too, for this month has already seen a Beethoven series in London by the Lindsay Quartet.

Although the American group is dedicated to extending the repertory with frequent MILLINGTON ing the Beethoven quartets

Emerson Quartet Oueen Elizabeth Hall

almost since its formation 20 years ago. No doubt the players adjust their interpretations according to venue, but the Oueen Elizabeth Hall - by any standards a large hall for such intimate,

conversational music - does not seem best suited to their Perhaps the aggressive, upfront and undeniably exciting approach they displayed here was designed to compensate those at the back, but nearer the platform one missed the sheer beauty of

There is, of course, no single way of approaching this body of work, one of the greatest musical expressions of the human spirit. And although

tone for which the Emersons are renowned.

exhilarating.
It is the slow movements that will linger in the memory. Those in the Op 18 set took on

a special nobility, with playing great warmth underlining the hymn-like simplicity of the Adagio in No 2 and the shadowy B-flat minor episode in the second movement of No 6. The Emersons dug deep into the emotions of Op 59 No 2 to give a performance of sublime intensity.

> was shattered by the onset of his deafness during the few years that separate Op 18 and Op 59, there is humour in all these works. The Emersons were playful in the variations of Op 18 No 5, and caught the jauntiness of the "Thème Russe" in the second

> The way in which they evoked the discreet Russianness of the third Razumovsky, with David Finckel's plucked cello suggesting a balalaika, was entertaining and only natural from a quartet that plays with such obvious and engaging

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Imperfect, but at least he's different Although Beethoven's world CALL him quirky, call him inspired: the ness, and there was certainly nothing Philharmonia/Dohnányi Latvian violinst Gidon Kremer is never trivial about his reading of Schumann's Festival Hall boring. He has twice the repertoire of most Beethoven-like - and in some ways most top fiddlers, which is admirable. most tragic - symphony. A sense of epic But when he returns to one of the prize struggle was present from the outset, and blooms in the violinist's garden, you do strung as an archer's bow, and utterly in the sublime slow movement this was original. That's worth a lot. If you just sometimes wonder if he has spent too transfigured into intense anguish. long hacking through the wild grass. The result, however, was the opposite want the notes perfectly played, any Thus it was with a performance of the number of teenage virtuosos can oblige. of dour. Dohnanyi controlled the orches-Brahms Concerto on Saturday that was Sticking close to Kremer in maverick tral texture superbly, and was able to Razumovsky quartet. brilliant and sloppy in roughly equal proportions. Turning was often far from mood cannot be easy, but Christoph von push the scherzo and finale along at Dohnanyi and the Philharmonia made a speed with no loss of clarity or tension. sweet; the tone was sometimes scratchy; gallant fist of it (with some especially The Schumann compensated for a the phrasing jerky and anti-romantic. As brave but uncomfortable start to the lustrous oboe-playing from John Anderfor the cadenza, Kremer conjured up a bizarre effort that featured a swelling and concert. A performance of Mahler's son). That was no surprise, earlier the

orchestra and its principal guest conduc-

tor had given a performance of Schu-

mann's Second Symphony that pulsated

with energy and was cogent from first

Dohnányi, the maestro of Cleveland,

has a reputation for unflinching serious-

RICHARD MORRISON

string-orchestra transcription of Beethoven's String Quartet, Op 95, only con-

firmed how right Beethoven was to

conceive this work for four players in the



■ VISUAL ART 1 Money is the root of all evil? That is the message of Bill Woodrew's Tate exhibition



... and there is scarcely more comfort in the abrasive American art on show at

the Saatchi Gallery

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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on Bill Woodrow's sardonic sculptures at the Tate and young Americans at the Saatchi

Bronze rebuke to our material age

vastness of the Duveen Galleries at the Tate, Bill Woodrow might easily have felt daunted. Stretching like a spine through the centre of the building. these gaunt and lofty neo-classical spaces could diminish the work displayed there. But Woodrow takes on the challenge with gusto. Many of his recent bronzes are grand and flamboyant enough to demand ample surroundings. They look like monuments waiting for permanent public locations, and the Duveen's immensity provides them with an ideal showcase.

To anyone familiar with Woodrow's earlier work, these titans may seem shocking. After all, he made his reputation in the early 1980s by defity manipulating discarded objects, scavenged from skips and dumps. Woodrow's name became synonymous with battered twin-tubs, ironing boards and car doors, presented in all their rusty rawness. Although juxtaposed with invented forms, made by Woodrow from metal torn out of the found objects, they still reeked of dereliction and urban decay.

At first glance, the work at the Tate amounts to a volte-face. Bronze and gold leaf proliferate throughout the show, suggesting that Woodrow has reneged on his earlier position and succumbed to the most traditional - and expensive - of sculptural materials. Are we witnessing, then, the decline of a successful middle-aged artist, indulging in luxurious allure and

betraying his former toughness? Little time is needed to scotch such suspicions. Soon after we enter the Tate, a sculpture called Moneyhead proves that Woodrow has not lost his subversive edge. Carved from stone in a rough yet conventional way, the head lies on the floor like a fragment from an antique statue. But the man's imperious features are studded with outsize bronze coins, each one lodged like half-embedded shrapnel in his flesh. He appears to have been killed by money, and sets the tone for an exhibition riddled with scathing references to a civilisation destroyed by the insane pursuit of

material gain. Woodrow has long been obsessed by the Ship of Fools, a mythical vessel duttered with demented travellers consumed by greed. A couple of the most imposing exhibits are supposed to have been dredged from the Shin's n mournful futility. One, a twisted anchor, terminates in prongs piercing open books. The other, a life-size cannon, mimics the form taken by monuments celebrating military prowess and imperial gain.

tions only to flout them. The cannon turns out to be mounted on a prison door, and the contorted figure of an accordion player seems to lie underneath. Far from merely trumpeting martial might, the cannon becomes a symbol of oppression and confinement.



In Work Station No 5 (London) Gregory Green recreates the terrorist's peculiar mixture of messiness and cold precision

takes on an ironic meaning. And the concentration on expensive materials seems even more paradonical when we approach the most elaborate sculpture on view: In Ame the Pannbroker. Stretching on the last gallery, and joined to a steel chain that ends up tied strouged a thick Duveen column. five gold-coloured bronze rings nestle on tasselled cushions. They are big enough to serve as plinths pawnbroker's triple orbs can be found on each plinth, and Wood-row uses them to tell a story about the role played by pawnshops through history.

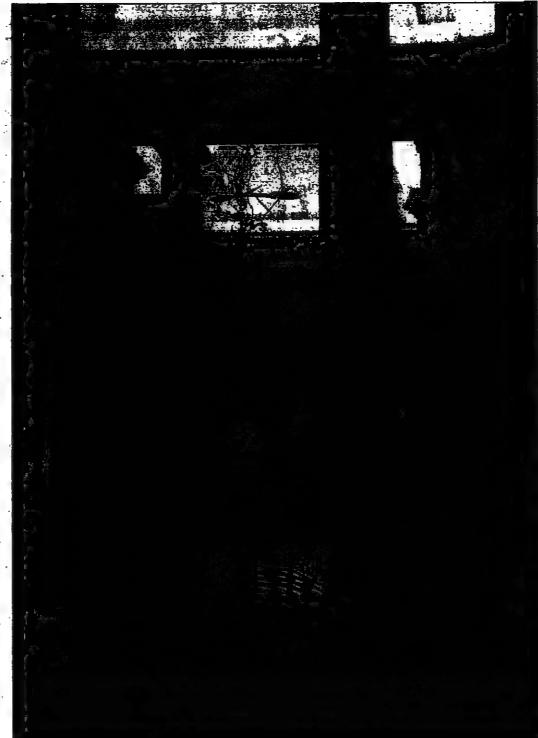
figure, his body made up of forks and spoons. He struggles to retain his balance on a rolling drum studded with coins. But the bunner undulating from a staff clasped in his right hand swirls with energy and his other hand holds up his

Debt-ridden and in thrall to the dubious power of money lenders, the world satirised by Woodrow seems scarcely capable of tottering to the century's end. This is a mordant and, at times, openly apocalyptic show, using its refer ences to the grandiloquent age of monumental sculpture only in order to pinpoint bankruptcy and

Bronze is deployed as a means of intensifying the mood of universal absurdity, nowhere more crazily than in the tower installed at the exhibition's centre. Woodrow's feeling for the delirium of modern life reaches its apogee in this trussed and glinting folly. Exploding at its apex in a tangle of sliced ropes and animal mutation, this rebarbative new sculpture offers, in its terse two-word title, a snub to anyone in search of a reason for the madness:

Scant comfort can be found at the Saatchi Gallery, where four young American artists are given plenty of space to assert themselves. Even so, visitors could easily miss Gregory Green's exhibit in the first room. Still dominated by John Frankland's lustrous polythene lift, in-stalled there last year, this foyerlike space now contains a

It stands next to one of the lift doors, as if left there by accident. But Green calls this deceptively mundane object Suitoge Bomb. and further into the exhibition he shows us what it might contain.



Woodrow's show refers to a grandiloquent age only to pilipoint bankruptcy and moral negation

beckoning signs, to penetrate a public view. Here, Green presents us with a room where suitcases play only a small part in a chaos of packing-cases, straw, power-tools, telephones, stained towels, clocks and other, less readily identifiable appliances. Despite the disorder. the claustrophobic chamber testifies to an intense level of activity And as we pick our way gingerly through the detritus, the overall purpose becomes clear.

A book of biblical proportions ties open, its pages carved out to make space for a wired mechanism

components are detectable on work benches nearby. Lit by torches dangling from the wall, and often half-buried by an accumulation of assorted equipment, these sinister devices clearly have a purpose. Green deverly re-creates the pecuiar mixture of messiness and cold precision in this bomb kitchen.

obsessive tenacity is disclosed wherever we look. Have they been disturbed by an advance warning and decided to run? Or are they out on a job, armed with one of the ing interior? Green does not explain: but by calling his intricately composed installation Work Station 5 (London), he implies that it belongs to an international net-work of similarly makeshift

in another room, empty save for a spotlit object in the middle of the floor, he also ensures that we do not underestimate the destructive potential involved. The object's title, Nuclear Device, is not intended as a loke. It indicates, with terrifying simplicity, that a bomb capable of unleashing measureless annihilaAnyone with access to plutonium might, apparently, learn how to construct such an obscene instru-

Adam Gallery

That is why Green's work, also on view in a one-man show at the Cabinet Gallery in Coldharbour Lane, is so unnerving. His bombs and remote-controlled incendiary devices all seem to have been made from modest resources, thereby underlining the threat posed by the ever-increasing ease of their

The implications of Green's meticulous, matter-of-fact art overshadow everything else in the Saatchi show. He makes Charles Long, fascinated by the eccentric shapes of popcorn, thrown-away plastic and half-eaten rolls, seem playful to a fault. But Sean Landers conveys a more obsessive, troubled vision. Sometimes he confines himself to long, rambling lines of confessional writing, filling large canvases with frustrated, Jaconic

6 The world satirised by Woodrow is in thrall to moneylenders 9

observations about daily existence Elsewhere he combines words with painted images of an empty sea, or and posing indolently as a narcissistic, updated version of a High Renaissance or Baroque sculpture.

Ultimately, though, Landers appears wayward when set beside Janine Antoni's fiercely focused sculpture. In a multipart work called Gnaw, she shows how boulder-like lumps of chocolate and lard served as the raw material for the production of, respectively, heart-shaped sweet packages and bright red lipstick. Antoni herself spent weeks gnawing away at the lumps, spitting out the pieces and preserving them.

Then the bitten-away cubes were shown on marble pallets, contrasting in their elemental roughness with the glossily packaged lipsticks displayed in mirrored showcases. The gulf between the desperate. nauseating urgency of the gnawing and the slickness of the cosmetic installation says a great deal about the difference between a woman's compulsive emotional needs and the bland, commercialised exploitation of feminine allure.

■ Bill Woodrow at the Tate Gallen mitioans, tonaon, SW1 (117-887 8081)
until April 28; Young Americans at the
Saatchi Gallery, 98a Boundary Road,
London, NW8 (0171-328 8299) until
March 3; Gregory Green at the Cabinet
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Laughing at death in 3-D

o Stockham has made a delicate arrangement over the fireplace in each of the front rooms of the tiny, domestic Adam Gallery. Outlines of people bowling, batting, dancing, pushing and sitting have been cut from newspapers and turned face to the wall on the end of thin wooden sticks. Another group made up of individual figures, actors in some long forgotten news story or narrative. is displayed facing the street, like a discreet advertisment for pupper theatre or toy museum. In the back room of the gallery, a small snapshot photograph showing a hand placed across a shoulder is reflected back into a mirror that radiates out from the corner. The mirror carries the outline of a hand, frosted or smeared like frozen breath. Other small photographs, too, have been altered. By greasing, rubbing and sanding the surface of

Stockham manages to turn all sorts of visual memories and records into fragile yet unprecious objects.

Adam Gallery, 62 Walcot Square, London SEII. (0171-582 1260) to Feb 4 ☐ Peter Doig's paintings are exciting enough when encountered for the first

these "ordinary" pictures,

time, but an awareness of their history reveals how they have changed over time. Doig seems much less intent now on picturing a subject head-on. Instead, in his recent pictures of ski slopes and figures skiing, he creates a sense of freefall through space. Trees are sometimes red, built up almost pointillistically across the canvas: skies are thin veils of diffused pink, yellow and even blue. These

paintings are big enough for the artist as well as the viewer to lose himself in. There is a bracing, glowing, sporty quality to these paintings. They involve less layering of paint, less surface interference. After the backyards, front porches and sulphuric, swampy colonial strangeness of Doig's earlier work, the air has become sweeter now, as the virtuoso Canadian artist struggles to release himself from the shackles of those early associations.

Victoria Miro Gallery, 21 Cork Street, London WI (0171-734 5082) to March 8

☐ Downstairs at the Anna Bornholt Gallery, Yvonne Hindle's paintings have the quality of human or animal hair, groomed and combed across the surface in a single sweep to sparkle in the light. Ana Padovani embroiders objects and gives them the seriously luxurious air of prayer cushions in some private Neo-Classical chapel. Up-stairs, Gill Houghton shows a photograph with a pile of cut hair fallen to the floor; Paul Whittaker places a smoothly finished shelf high up on the wall, while Henry Rogers, the organiser, shows a painting stretched across both sides of two false walls, with a gap in between. Though there is no obvious connection between the work of the five artists, this mixed show. called Relatives, nevertheless manages to set up some interesting associations and relationships.

Anna Bornholt Gallery, 3-5 Weighhouse Street, London WI (0171-499 6114) until

> SACHA CRADDOCK

Three years ago Maggi Hambling, an artist previously known for powerfully expressive gs, turned to sculpture for the first time. The images in her paintings, she felt, were becoming increasingly like objects in space; she was even using her hands to apply the paint. Her clay sculptures of 1993, with their vivid colours and rearing planes, seemed a

natural development of her

work in oils. But drawing has always been central to Hambling's work, and it is from this that her first collection of bronzes springs. It was working in wax that first caught her imagina-tion. "It has all the immediacy and directness of drawing, she says, "and to be able to work in three dimensions is

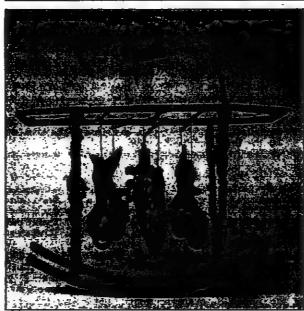
very exciting. Spreading sand on a table, she draws quickly and inci-sively with a finger, and fills the indented shape with mol-ten wax. When it cools this image can be picked up, melded with other images, forms and cast in bronze.

"Some of the sculptures in this show - such as Portraitof My Father - are like earlier drawings," Hambling says.
"But now they are moving in space and, because I use the lost wax method of casting, each piece has the same uniqueness as a drawing. Everything is individual — a sort of experiment. Things just

Perhaps it is this sense of chance — an impetuosity carried over from her painting that gives energy to her new work. Only two casts have been made, so that an image can be used repeatedly, and

these are of things which she came across by accident. One is a piece of a burnt-out

Maggi Hambling may have swapped paint for bronze, but her spirit remains the same



War Coffin (1994), part of Maggi Hambling's new show

lane. To Hambling it looked like a head thrown back in laughter - "like a shape from one of my early laugh paintings," she says. The other is of a stone she stumbled across in a field -- a stone which, to her imaginative eye, also resembles a head.

It is this idea of contingency, of a randomness caught for a moment within some sort of structure, which seems to lie at the heart of Hambling's work. "I wanted to explore the fragility of the balance between life and death," she says. "The idea that nothing is planned and permanent, that we are only passing through ... I don't suppose anyone can get car engine which she found to my age [she is in her Sils] several years ago in a country without thinking about

death," she adds with characteristic pragmatism.

Influenced by her recent trips to Egypt and Mexico, both countries in Which an elaborate death culture has evolved, Hambling turns to the image of the coffin. The repeated patterns of her "heads" are interlinked by slender traceries — gaunt frameworks in which the bronze is left rough and unpatinated. Forms are suspended in space, swinging

gently as the pieces rock to and iro on their slender struts. Through her evocations of halance and suspension. Hambling opens up the idea of potentiality. Her coffins could equally be the fragile frameworks of something half

built as the corroding skeletons of the past. "These sculptures are not supposed to be pessimistic. she explains. The coffins are like vehicles chariots or boats perhaps — with air drifting through them. The dead people are not shut up, not trapped. I am open to any possibility, to ideas of immortality, of any

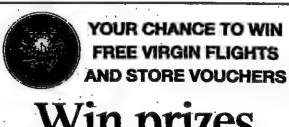
sort of life after death.". Works such as her Coffin Struck by Lightning, in which the hair on the head stands up like a star in electrified spikes, or her Coffin for Max Wall, in which the comic's inverted figure dangles suspended "as though dancing upside down for all eternity", both show this. Hambling brings a liveliness, an almost impish jeu

d'esprit, to her work. influenced by seeing Wall, an old friend, playing Vladi-mir in Waiting for Godot, and by what she describes as the "jolliness" of a Mexican atti-tude to death, with its gaily painted memento mori, she brings a Beckettian humour to her theme. Two. sculptures entitled After Medico are of skulls with protruding tongues, seemingly caught in animated conversation. The ribbled edges of the bronze resonate lightly to the touch. Other pieces jangle and chime as they sway.

"It was chance again."
Hambling says. "Modelling in wax, I didn't think about sound. But when cast in bronze, my sculptures seem to speak for themselves. Metal clinks against metal as they move and, just when you think they are about to stop talking. they start all over again."

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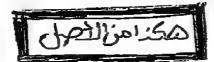
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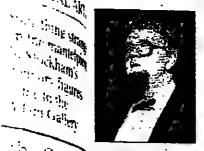
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How a genius turned to discord

hen Oliver Ford Davies played the vicar at the centre of David Hare's Racing Demon, the im-pression was of a thin; troubled man, But one of the signs of a major actor is a gift for physical transformation. Goli-aths shrink into Davids. Aguecheeks expand into Bottoms or, as here, the Rev Espy becomes a stout, anguished pianist. Somehow Davies persuades you that his bunched, bumpy face actually fits those hunched, heavy shoulders and that, yes, the figure lumbering round the stage, his shaving-brush beard at 90 degrees to his

chin, really is John Ogdon. William Humble's tale of Ogdon's battle with madness gives Davies the chance to embody plenty of emotions, from rage to despair to meek, baffled resignation. The problem is a play whose attempts to dramatise both inner feeling and outside event, while bold, can seem awkward and overwrought. Moreover, those in search of penetrating analysis, resonant ideas, or dialogue that rises strongly to the emotional occasion are likely to feel rather sporadically rewarded.

The play opens with Ogdon tenta-tively tinkling away on a hospital piano, then cuts back to 1962, the year he won the Idiamoraly agent by though he disconcerts his agent by preferring milk-bars to restaurants and comparing the Beatles to Mozart, all is triumphant activity. There's never been a pianist who can sightread like John, it's incredible," says a composer in one of several lines that sound more informative than real.

But the pressures on him intensify. His wife pushes him to buy a posh London house, the composer nags at him for not practising his new concerto, an envious friend makes him feel guilty for charging expenses for a charity recital. Suddenly John Grillo, performing the last of these, trans-



Diane Fletcher and Oliver Ford Davies as callous wife and tortured genius in Virtuoso, William Humble's patchy story of the life of John Ogdon

Send off the clowns

House of Bernarda Alba Purcell Room

inside me has wanted to stick out his tongue at the solemn sufferings of Lorca's Castilian rustics and Granadine spinsters. But never did I expect to see one of his tragedies performed by clowns.

The production comes to us, of course, couriesy of the London International Mime Festival. The company is Theatre Manjana, a group of Swedish female clowns directed by Nola Rae. They have sent me back to the original Lorca with heightened respect — but this is a backhanded compliment. However much my ragamuffin may have wanted one of Bernarda's five unmarried daughters to shove a banana-skin in her path, it was only my longing to see a moment's successful rebellion. Eighty minutes of distortion is something else.

In the original play, the newly widowed and poisonously proud Bernarda imposes eight years' mouraing upon her daughters because this has always been her family's custom. The youngest daughter disobeys, enjoys the handsome Pepe who is due to marry the eidest, then hangs herself when she believes her mother has shot him. For everyone left in the house, life, or death-in-life, will go grimly on.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

The dreadful, stupid repressions unfold with a kind of grandeur, none of by red n Some attempt is made to suggest the imprisoning fastness of the house by miming the closing of shutters and the drawing of bolts, but this is undercut by the ease with which the daughters steal from room to room after nightfall while their mother, played by Renée

Samuelsson, sits siumped on a chair. The chains that bind them, incidentally, are shown for real in this version, tangling the characters up something chronic, but from start to finish the purpose of the enterprise is unclear. The clowning does not work as an alternative route into the story, nor does it creatively deconstruct the mythic elements to suggest what might have been churning around in Lorca's

JEREMY KINGSTON

Sanity on spin cycle

The People Show 101 BAC, Battersea

space. Then again, it could be a subterranean asylum for mad scientists. An old industrial washing machine, featuring mysterious pressure gauges, confronts us. The drum is spinning behind its porthole. A steel ladder is glimpsed, presumably leading to other decks. Whisked by on a rotating clothes rail is a ghostly, growing crowd of laundered shirts,

nighties and lab coats. Next the whole contraption rolls around, revealing a cranky lab-cumdrycleaners in which white-wellied staff, endlessly spraying and ironing, through chemistry-based catechisms (perversely responding to the answers with the questions). They repeatedly chant: "There are vistas never dreamt of, there are giories never

Well, I was not much the wiser by the end of The People Show's 101st experimental piece, a low in this year's mime festival. This long-established avant-garde company has churned out a scrappy piece, abstrusely depicting religious cults. The men in the strange laboratory confess to kinky fantasies. Women get inexplicably pregnant. Both sexes are symbolically stained, slipping into exotically coloured robes. They commit suicide or are initiated into another life, exiting through the

re-entering, in white, down a funnel. The action is littered with iconographic images of birth, death, purifi-cation. A billowed sheet settles on the head of an instant Madonna. Shorn Mark Whitelaw, entwined in silk. "floats" on someone's back.

The set is fun, the occasional image striking. Meanwhile, however, the archetypal images amass but go nowhere, the characters hardly develop and the acting is wobbly with the exception of naively smiling, cracked Christine Entwisle. When the sound effects, a mess of galactic crackles, chopper blades and the Moonlight Sonata, obscure the dialogue, at least you can be certain you are not missing

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Zambia skills light up cup of extremes

By ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

black South Africa, is beginning to appreciate emotions that make international football a game that can make grown men turn cartwheels of joy, or crumble into despair. The African Nations Cup is now down to the final four: Zambia and Tunisia meet in Durban and South Africa play Ghana in Johannesburg in the semi-finals tomorrow.

Alas, apart from the sights and sounds of criminal violence in Johannesburg, the football itself reminds us that racism dies hard. Apart from Soccer City, the vast stadium near Soweto, the games have been played to almost empty houses in rugby strongholds. The blacks cannot afford the prices or the time off work, the whites show little inclination to explore football, the township game, or to reciprocate the goodwill that the blacks afforded their sport at the rugby union World Cup last

The loss is theirs. As soon as the knockout phase began, last weekend, the quarter-finals game still so virulent in Africa. still untrampled by the coaching systems that 400 of these players now obey as merce-naries of European clubs.

There is still something wild, something improvised and fun, in the way that Africans interpret the game in their own colours. One suspecis that the tournament is on course for a final between Ghana, the country that produces an apparently endless stream of youngsters who master even Brazil at world youth level, and Zambia, who continue to astonish everyone. for it is really their second string that they are fielding after an air crash killed 18 of

SOUTH Africa, or rather the best Zambian players less

than three years ago. In the shape of Kalusha Bwalya, Zambia has a performer who is a humble star. He has no great athletic physique, his handshake is mild, his conversation unassuming: but, put him on a football field, surround him with players intended to have been the next generation (for Kalusha. 32. missed the illfated plane), and he rises as an extraordinary leader of men.

He had scored five goals in two games before Egypt stopped him in Bloemfantein on Saturday. There, he made two of the three goals by which his young colleagues overran Egypt after conceding an early

Ruud Kral, Egypt's Dutch coach, contributed to the defeat by taking off a striker and seeking to defend to the end. It seems to be a characteristic of the Arabic African nations that caution is in their blood. The fact that so many of them are fasting for Ramadan might be an excuse, but meanness of spirit, wedded to caution, is overbearing.

That could be seen in extremis on Sunday when Tunisia choked the life, the joy, the immaturity out of Gabon. Mogadon Rovers, as one thinks of Tunisia, had no ambition to cross the halfway line. After a goal apiece early on, they set out to bore Gabon to defeat, and the fellows from the heart of Africa ran into their measly trap.

Of all the contenders in South Africa, Gabon seemed the most backward in style and approach. Backward, though, can be beautiful, and these players, no doubt feeling enriched by the US\$16 (£10.60) per day allowance paid to one



Sellimi Adel, of Tunisia, beats Koumba François, of Gabon, during the African Nations Cup quarter-final in Durban

themselves into the ground and attempted outrageous

wilt, waited for the penalty shoot-out and, sure enough won that 4-1 with Chokri El Ouner, their goalkeeper, captain and organiser, scoring the

It puts Tunisia in the fire of Zambia, who have scored 12 times in the past three games.

It left Gabon flat, the dream snatched away from them.

However, the other untarned side of African football could be seen when Ghana prevailed over Zaire in Port Elizabeth on Sunday. Tony Yeboah scored the only goal a typical volley - but the riolence of both sides has cost Ghana Abedi Pele, their captain, for the semi-final in

Soccer City tomorrow night.

The Ghanaians travel up from sea level to 1,800 metres, where the South Africans lie in wait: but "home advantages" always were the preserve of the host side - hence England did not venture away from Wembley at the 1966 World Cup and hope not to have to do so at the European champion-

South Africa will miss Phil

striker, who is suspended having been shown two yellow cards. They may need more of the continuing symbolism that fires them: their goals in the quarter-final against Algeria were a powerful, athletic score from Mark Fish, a white whose youth was spent playing rugby, and an intuitive finish by John "Shoes" Mosboeu, born but rejected in Soweto.

Sri Lanka bow to all-round efforts of Waugh

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

STEVE WAUGH continued his domination of the third Test against Sri Lanka at Adelaide yesterday by bowling Australia to victory by 148 runs with an hour to spare as they completed a 30 clean sweep of the series.

Sri Lanka, who had been set a target of 401, were dismissed for 252 in 96.2 overs, but did not lose their third wicket until the score was 195. Then, Waugh ended more than four hours of defiance by Sanath Jayasuriya, the opening bats-man, whose maiden Test hun-dred had threatened to deny Australia a victory that had been looked upon as a foregone conclusion.

Waugh, who had Jayasunya caught by lan Healy, finished with four for 34 from 19 overs to add to his century and unbeaten halfcentury earlier in the match. He was later named man of the series. The breaking of the third-wicket partnership between Jayasuriya and Sanjerwa Ranatunga, who made 65, brought serious resistance to an end.

There were some emotional renes in the Australia dress ing-room as David Boon bowed out of Test cricket on a winning note with a heartfelt tribute from Mark Taylor, his

captain.
David came into the side in 1984 when the team wasn't doing too well; he leaves the Taylor said, later blaming himself for not acting sooner to sort out problems between the teams during the series.

"You see a side having troubles like they [Sri Lanka] were and you wonder whether you will be welcome in their changing room," he said. "So that's my fault, I should have raid to wonder. should have said to my play-ers 'Let's go in' two or three weeks ago, because, as soon as we did go in the other day. it was a good scene."

Lanka management said: Even though the matches have been fought-hard on the field, relations between the players have sbeen har-

Pakistan remin ins World Cup, each member of the squad will receive about E95,000 and a 500 square-yard plot of land in Islamabad, the Associated Press of Pakistan

Consistent **Ainslie** confirms golden potential

FROM EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN MIAMI

THE pick of the British Olym pic yachting team's performances at the Olympic Classes regatta here was that of Ben Ainslie, 18, the Laser sailor, who followed his first place at the St Petersburg Sport regatta ten days ago with an impressive second in a good, 126 strong fleet.

Ainslie, who has completed

three events this year and is now on his way to the New Zealand national championships, was alone in the team in looking race sharp in all conditions throughout the

Rod Carr, the team manager, was full of praise for the young gold-medal contender. Ben's performance was stunoutstanding feature — you've got to remember the guy is the youth world champion and yet he is now beating all the seniors and doing it consistently. That should give him a lot of confidence."

Possibly, the only worry about Amslie's Olympic campaign is that he may be peaking too early, a problem that is not affecting others in the squad, most of whom put in solid performances, finishing in or just outside the top ten in their first serious international competition for four months.

Some, such as John Merricks and Ian Walker, the gald-medal contenders, who were tenth in the 470s, Shirley Robertson, who was fifth in the Europes, and David Williams and Ian Rhodes, who were fourteenth in the Tornados, were using the regatta to experiment with new equipment, yet they still showed enough speed and experience to be up with the best in their

Penny Wilson (née Way). in the women's windsurfing, showed improved strength ind heavy air speed to finish fourth overall, while Richard Sterihouse put a good series together, including a win in the ninth race, to finish eleventh.

The most intriguing performance of the week was by the IDO OI ADOY B ry Parkin and Adrian Stead. Relatively new to the Soling class, they showed flashes of brilliance, but also inexperience, in finishing twelfth

Problems piling up for new RFU chairman

CLIFF BRITTLE, who was elected chairman of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) executive committee in controversial circumstances earlier this month, is facing a testing week. On Thursday, he is due to meet representatives of the English First-Division Clubs Ltd; on Friday, he tee meeting.

Brittle, voted in by a 2-1 majority ahead of John Jeavons-Fellows, the RFU's own nominee, is on record as accepting the inevitability of professional rugby so long as the rush to

Dealer South

ever, one of the consistent features of this first season of open rugby has been the relentless march of the senior clubs towards their brave new

Yesterday, the first-division clubs positions in the domestic game.

met to hear reports on the formation of the European Rugby Clubs Association last Friday, a meeting that agreed the principle of a two-tier European club competition. The clubs also determined their approach to the meeting on Thursday with the man who now occupies one of the key

They need to establish, as swiftly as possible, the potential cash flow from

DRAW Bactimet or Bristol v Wakefield or Bath

Leeds or London Irish v West Hartlepool or Coventry ram or Gloucester v Wasps To be played on February 24

proposed new tournament, so that they can negotiate terms with their players; but their scheme cuts across the RFU proposal for an

Anglo-Welsh competition.
The fluidity of the situation is

the fifth division (north) clubs rejected RFU proposals for a 17-club league and seek a 14-club structure, playing home and away. Yesterday, their southern counterparts announced the formation of a "league five association" to seek direct representa tion on the RFU competitions subcommittee and on the National Clubs

Newcastle are understood to be in negotiation with Denis Charvet, the former France centre. Charvet. 34, who is a close friend of David Ginola. the Newcastle United footballer. said: "Everything should be sorted emphasised by the rumblings further out within a month." Another down the club scale. Last weekend. Frenchman. Olivier Roumat, is re-

ported to be talking about a transfer from Dax to Wasps, the only club to come through the weather-hit fifth round of the Pilkington Cup on Saturday. They will have been re-signed to the draw for the quarterfinals, which yeserday sent them on their travels again — to Nottingham

or Gloucester see grad.

They have that played a home tie since losing: the 1993 semi-final to Harleonins, but at least they are free to concentrate on their league match with Sale on February 10. Unless the other clubs agree to play their post-poned ties this weekend, they must play on February 10 and postpone league games scheduled for that day.

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cater for is West holding the

club queen and East the

diamond ace and long spades.

Accordingly, at trick two. South should play a diamond.

If West happens to win this

and play spades, the declarer

will have to duck and then

hope that, if West switches

back to diamonds, he started

with only three. On the actual

layout, playing diamonds first

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING

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b. A pelmet

c. A short mantle

a. A nocturnal rodent

Answers on page 42

c. Shining

By Philip Howard

was the only winning line.

with West than East This means that the distri-

On this hand, Peter Czerniewski, as West, found an excellent lead against 3 NT. He did not fancy his feeble diamond suit, so felt that the spade suit was the best point of attack. The king might gain if South had the singleton jack or queen. That was not the case here, but it had a gain in an unexpected direction declarer's entry to the hearts

was removed. Now, how should the declarer think about the hand? If the clubs come in for no loser, he has nine tricks - two spades, a heart and six clubs. However, if there is a losing club, the declarer will have to develop clubs and diamonds to set up nine tricks. So, which

There is no particular indication as to who has the ace of diamonds, but club length is more likely to be with West, as

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CURRESPONDENT

Wiik aan Zee results The important tournament at Wijk aan Zee, in Holland. ended in a triumph for Vassily lvanchuk, the Ukranian grandmaster. He won first prize. a point clear of Viswanathan Anand, of India. the world championship challenger. In this game. White

launches a desperate attack to drive the black king into the open, but White's ambitions are foiled by a subtle queen sacrifice that brings the White onslaught to a standstill and enables Black to create a new

White: Ivan Sokolov Black Vassily Ivanchuk Wijk aan Zee, January 1996

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Times book

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Raymend Reene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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WINDHING MOVE

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By Raymond Keene

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NEW YORK: US Open: Men: Singles Semi-linels: W Davies (Aus) bx M Gooding (Engl 8-5, 6-4, 8-6, J Smow (GB) bx P Tabley (Aus) 6-2, 3-8, 6-4, 8-2 Doubles: Semi-finals: C Bray and M Gooding (GB) bx R Gunn (GB) and P Tabley (Aus) 3-2, J Snow and M Wood (GB) bx W Davies (Aus) and M Clothier (US) 8-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

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RACING/SPORT

Champion braves elements for all-weather return today



The stylish Dettori, who captured last season's St Leger on Classic Cliche, returns to action at Lingfield's all-weather meeting today

Dettori under starter's orders

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

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at Lingfield today after a seven-week globetrotting holiday - and the charismatic champion jockey can hardly wait for the starting stalls to burst open. "I am absolutely bored stiff and ್ಟು cannot wait to get back," he enthused yesterday. "I am so pleased to be back

home. I have never missed home so much after being away for so long. Just give me those horses to ride." The exuberant Dettori last rode in a race on December 10 in Hong Kong since when he has been on holiday with his girlfriend, Catherine Allen. "We went to Thailand for a couple of weeks, spent Christmas in Phuket, and then skied in France for two weeks over the New Year. We went to Mexico for a

day," he said. While in Los Angeles he saw Jeremy

few days, then on to Los Angeles and

Las Vegas before returning on Satur-

1.40 Hever Golf Star. 2.10 Dancing Lawyer. 2.40 Love Bird. 3.10 Distinct Beauty. 3.40 Flirty Gertie.

Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Spencer's Revenge. 3.10 DISTINCT BEAUTY (nep). 3.40 Fility Gertie.

1.40 LANDAU HANDICAP (£3,420: 51) (7 FURTHERS)

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Noseda, the former Godolphin handler who now trains on the West Coast and old friends, including Bill Shoemaker. Charlie Whittingham and Richard Cross. Dettori rode two pieces of work at Santa Anita but resisted the temptation to race ride.

Dettori, who rides in the last two races at Lingfield today, added: "I have

WE THE WATER FRANS

Nap: FLIRTY GERTIE (3.40 Lingfield Park)

Next best: Love Bird (2.40 Lingfield Park)

told my agent, Matrie Cowing, to take it easy for the first week to enable me to get into the swing of things. What I want to do this month is concentrate on John Gosden's horses and then spent much of March in Dubai, preparing

3.10 CAROLE BLACKBURN HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,927: 1m 2f) (10)

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3.40 HANSOM LIMITED STAKES (£2,900: 71) (10)

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for the Dubai World Cup. "Obviously, I would love to be champion jockey again, but it will be very hard to match last year. We have a lot of nice horses; lers hope Godolphin can produce another Lammtarra somewhere along the line. John Gosden has some useful three-year-olds and I shall also be riding some horses for David Loder, Ian Balding and Luca Cumani."

Looking to the months ahead, Dettori spoke highly about Lord Of Men, who ended last season winning the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp, and Rio Duvida, who finished within half a length of Alhaarth in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster before winning the strongly contested Houghton Sales Stakes.

Clearly, there will be no horses of that calibre on the all-weather today, but Dettori has a sound chance of starting the season on a winning note. Flirty Gertie showed improved form when winning at Southwell 11 days ago after a 14-week break, and the Ron

Boss-trained filly looks open to further

Dettori's main concern will be the bitterly cold weather which has greeted his return to Britain. "I'll be wearing ear muffs at Lingfield, but it would be a bit uncomfortable riding in ski gloves." The Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at

Leopardstown on Sunday, which has ten potential runners after yesterday's forfeit stage, should provide fascinating pointers towards the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Ladbrokes yesterday opened a book on the top chase, won for the past three seasons by Jodami, and they bet: 2-1 Master Oats, 3-1 Jodami, 7-2 Monsieur Le Cure, 9-2 Flashing Steel, 7-1 Imperial Call, Life Of A Lord, 33-1 bar.

Norman Williamson, who rode when he can return from injury.

Master Oats to victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup last year, will be helping RTE cover the race on Sunday before returning to England for an Xray on Monday, which will determine **RACING AHEAD** suggests the best value in the ante-post market **GUIDE TO THE SPONSOR'S PRICES** Treasure Again. File: Top Spin Dark Honey Roberty Lee ()- Fuzzy Logic Sporter Grade: Trainglet Trains | ()-Lucky Blue ---12-1 Grawing ----Simpoon And Comment lating Jews Manikara Taos Trickie Lad Do Be Have Do Be Have MICE Taus Feels Like Gold 1051 Outset

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Jimmy Fitzgerald produced a fine training performance when saddling trainglot to win his first race over hurdles for nearly three years at Newcastle 17 days ago. The nine-year-old battled on stoutily to prevail in a three-way photograph there, and the form was given a timely boost when Cutthroat Kid, a well-beaten fourth in that contest, comfortably won at Ayr yesterday. The well-backed winner of this contest in 1993, TRAINGLOT has again been almed at the race, and the 10-1 on offer represents a sound each-way wager.

Musselburgh hopeful of beating the frost

NOTTINGHAM and Leic- meeting can go ahead. Yesterester have joined a growing day's meeting at Plumpton was abandoned earlier in the weather this season. Nottingham, where racing was scheduled today, was the latest course to lose its battle against frost and snow when it failed an afternoon inspection

The racing scheduled for Leicester tomorrow was called off after an inspection yesterday. Nick Lees, clerk of the course, said: "Deep snow and frost on the track show no sign of disappearing in time for the fixture to go ahead." There will be an inspection

at Windsor this morning to

decide whether tomorrow's

which have been lost to the day because of frost. Cliff Griggs, clerk of the course, was forced to call off the fixture after the temperature dropped to below freezing overnight. Ayr managed to race yesterday, despite frost in certain places on the track delaying the start by a quarter of an hour. Mark Kershaw who man-

ages Ayr and Musselburgh, is confident that the latter will be able to stage racing today, despite a precautionary inspection this morning. "We have no problems at the track and there is no frost in the

MUSSELBURGH

2.50 Houghton 3.20 WILD ROSE OF YORK (nap) 1.50 Geffardini 3.50 Farmer's Hand 4.20 Gentle Gambler

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.20 EUROLINK THE REBEL

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2.20 HARPERRIG HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,238: 3m) (6 runners)

SETTING: 4-5 Master DI The Rock, 3-1 Able Player, 5-1 German Legand, 10-1 Just Supe 1995; TRONCHETTO 6-11-11 P Novem (6-1) J J O'Heid 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

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3.50 PENICURK MOVICES CHASE

BETTING: 7-4 Merry Rose, 2-1 Grand Scenery, 11-4 Farmer's Hand, 10-1 Overwheirs, 12-1 Sand King, 1895: CDURITORUS 9-11-5 A Migure (4-1) J Johnson 14 can

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COLONEL GEORGE (Miss S Barcile) J Clarifon 5-11-0. J Berlie
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BETTING: 9-4 Highland Spin, 6-1 Colonel George, 7-1 Celtic Comma, 8-1 Calef Ol Knozasan, Sente Gemble 10-1 War Wroog, 12-1 orbes: 1995: TOM BROOK 5-11-5 A Magain (2-1 tex) J Johnson 15 rat FORM FOCUS

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LINGFIELD PARIC 240 Double Jeopardy MUSSELSURGH: 1.50 Live and Let Live. 2.50 Puriton. 3.50 Sand King.

McMillan has point

to prove COLIN McMILLAN, the former World Boxing Organis-ation featherweight champ-ion, sets out tonight on his campaign to prove that he is still a name to respect (Srikumar Sen writes). After months without work, McMillan has decided to box for nothing at the Broadway Theatre, Barking. He meets Justin Murphy, of

Brighton, who has a record of seven wins out of ten. McMillan is hoping to gain support for a bout with Nascem

Johnson returns

Basketball: Magic Johnson, who retired in 1991 after being diagnosed with the virus that causes Aids, has signed a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers for the remainder of the season. He plays against Golden State tonight.

Chaloner's place

Squash: Mark Chaloner, of England, has been handed the eighth place in the Super Series final, that will move from Switzerland to the Galleria Shopping Centre in Hatfield, Hertfordshire from March 2i to 24.

O'Sullivan loses

Snooker: Ronnie O'Sullivan was surprisingly beaten 5-4 by Billy Snaddon, after being 4-2 ahead, in the second round of the Regal Welsh Open in Newport yesterday.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Nick-off 7.30 unless stated Endsleigh Insurance League First division Sunderland v Tranmer Second division

Brentford v Wycombe (7.45) Burnley v Oxford Utd Third division

Anglo-Italian Cup Semi-final Birmingham v West Bromwich (7.45) Auto Windecreens Shield

Semi-finals Carlisia v Chasterfield (7.45) . . Southern section Peterborough v Bristol Rovers (7.45) .

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Bell's Scottish League Second division Berwick v Forter

Berwick v Fortar

BEAZER HOMES LEAGULE: Premier division: Athensions v Button. Middend division: Evestem v Reddich. Dr Meriters
Cup: Fourth round: Crawley v Beldock,
Finckley Town v Moor Green.
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Bersisted v Croydon, Whenhoe v Bracknet.
Third division: Aveley v Heritord. Cariton
Trophy: Third round: Carney Island v
Claption; Hungeriord v Hampton;
Northwood v Wesldstone Cariton Trophy:
Third round replay: Titlury v East Thurock.
Gusrdien Insurance Cup: Third round:
Aktershot Town v Besingstoke.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division:
Berrow v Bishop Aucidend: Budon v
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First division: Cheisee v Swindon (at Stamford Bridge). Second division: Plymouth v Bournemouth. outh v Bournemouth.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby County v Botton Wanderess
(7 0): Shelfield Unried v Newcastle United.
Second division: Manchester City v Barnsley (6.45).

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CASAGES v Glenseon (at The Oval, Bellast).
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Bedlont; Godelming and Guiddord v Femham; Horley v Chipstead.
Mersham v Reynes Park Velle.
SHEAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Emore v Mangotsheit; Paulion R v Bristol Manor Farm.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Kidst Counties LEAGUE: Ki MORTH WEST COUNTES LEAGUE First division: Kidsgrovs v Mossley
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Dunvant v Swansee (7.0)
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WRU midweek competition Caerphiliy v Llanheran (7.0) Edinburgh Wanderers v Currie (7.30) ...

HART GILMORE FOUR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Postponed: Shrooshire RUGBY LEAGUE

Silik Cut Challenge Cup Fourth round Keightey v Barrow JUB SPORTS ACADEMY INTER-NATIONAL: Postponed: Great Britain Academy v France

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: Regal Welsh Open (Newport).

Cowboys steal initiative with Pittsburgh poised for upset

Dallas delight as good guys blow it



Oliver Holt sees the team Americans love

to hate win once

again in Phoenix

They put Super Bowl XXX on in the Wild West and then laid it at the feet of the man with the pioneer's beard. If it had been John Ford film, Neil O'Donnell, the Pittsburgh Steelers' quarterback, would have ridden off into the sunset with it; instead, he shot it full

The cowboys' star waned long ago out here and, late in the fourth quarter on Sunday evening, with the sun setting behind the red rocks on the edge of the Arizona desert.
O'Donnell seemed to have Dallas at his mercy in front of the 80,000 crowd in the Sun

In a battle that had been hyped as a struggle between good and evil, it seemed that right was about to triumph but then the good guys blew it and Dallas prevailed.

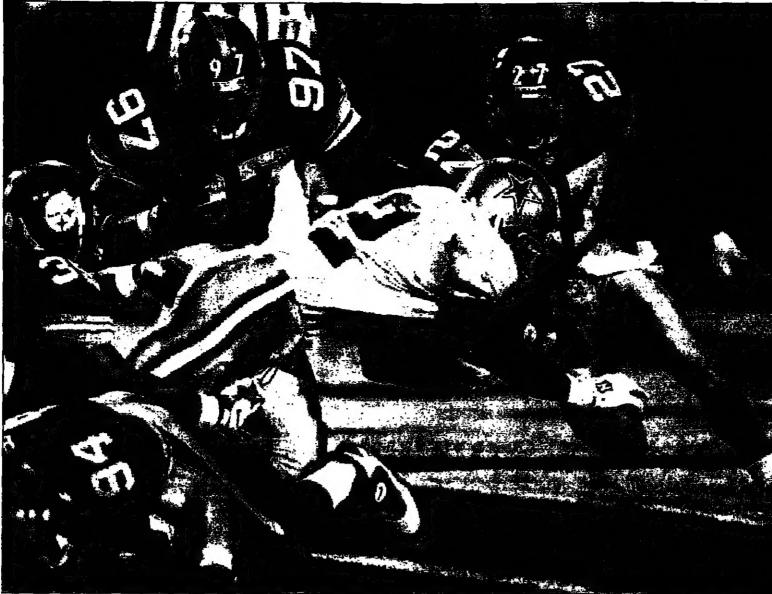
When the mistake came, it was so abject that it was hard to believe. Four minutes and 68 yards stood between the Steelers and one of the biggest shocks of recent Super Bowl history when O'Donnell, one of nine children from a New Jersey family, hurled the ball into the one area of the field bereft of Pittsburgh players and straight into the arms of a surprised Larry Brown, a Dallas cornerback who is still recovering from the death of his baby son.

Brown, who had already intercepted a more forgivably wayward O'Donnell pass midway through the third quarter was later named the game's most valuable player, was pushed out of bounds before he could reach the Steelers' end-zone; but, two plays later, Emmitt Smith, the Cowboys' relentless running back, waltzed in for his second touchdown of the match.

With the entra point for the conversion, it was 27-17 to Dallas and the game, one of the most evenly matched of recent times, was over.

The victory was Dallas Cowboys' third Super Bowl triumph in four years and establishes them beyond doubt as the team of the Nineties. It was sweet vindication for Jerry Jones, their the embattled coach whom he hired to replace Jimmy Johnson after the second of those

It was another victory, too, for the new America over the old, the America of stretch limousines and corporate entertainment, brash and loud, over its fading blue-collar alter ego, a place of rusting steel mills and declining popu-



Smith, the Dallas running back, dives to make his second touchdown of Super Bowl XXX on Sunday night. Photograph: Mike Blake

lation. When its citizens look at the Cowboys, they see bright images of what they would like to be. When they see Pittsburgh Steelers, determined but vulnerable, they see what they are.

For all their arrogance and extravagance, though, it is hard to criticise the Cowboys. The personality players proved that they could turn it on, too, when it came to prime time; but, this was a game that was lost and not won, a game that will be remembered for its

The Pittsburgh players re-fused to blarge O'Donnell afterwards and Bill Cowher. his coach, a hulk of a man with a jutting chin and a hair-trigger temper, even said that he was proud of him. Yet everyone knew that it was O'Donnell's fault and his sunken eyes and halting attempts at self-justification told

their own story. There's no tomorrow, and that's the tough thing about this," O'Donnell said. "I'm just trying to make things happen out there. I'm just Neil

O'Donneil. On the first interception, the ball just got away from me. It just slipped totally out of my hand. Those things happen.
"The second time, there was

a little miscommunication between me and the wide receivers, but we're all in this thing together. You can't just single out one individual and say that was the reason why we lost this football game." In this case, though, the two

interceptions were the only difference between the teams. Aithough the Cowboys had

streaked into a 13-0 lead early in the second quarter, courtesy of a Novacek touchdown, two Boniol field goals and big plays from top performers like the mercurial Deion Sanders, Troy Aikman, the quarter-back, and Michael Irvin, a wide receiver, the Steelers

recovered their composure. Playing in their first Super Bowl since 1980, and urged on by supporters twirling the yellow "terrible towels" that have become their symbol this season, Pittsburgh duly re-

just 17 seconds of the first half remaining, when O'Donnell's pass from six yards out was caught in the Dallas and zone by Thigpen. In the third quarter,

Brown's first interception and an Aikman pass to Irvin set up Smith for a one-yard touchdown run that restored the Cowboys' 13-point lead; but then the Steelers' defence, that had kept Smith relatively quiet throughout the game, bottled up the Dallas offence entirely and Pittsburgh got their own running game going.

46-yard field goal early in the final quarter and then pro-duced a clever onside kick-off that fooled the Cowboys and allowed the Steelers to retain possession. Nearly five minutes later. Morris, the Steelers running back made a one vard touchdown run to bring his team to within three points of their opponents and the stage was set for O'Donnell.

to each other on the phone. Switzer, the son of an Arkansas bootlegger, made the run-ning with President Clinton. "We did it our way tonight," the Dallas coach said, "and

you are doing it your way. We're behind you because you're a winner and a champion. Appreciate you being a Cowboy fan, an old boy from

organiser of the Olympic hockey

series, will have risen to the mid-80s. Whitaker has accepted an invitation to play in the Azlan Shah tournament at

Ipoh, Malaysia, in May - which is one of the hottest months of the year in that

country - as an essential part of the

A whale of a lesson

There is something ingratiatingly down-to-earth about Jean Aitchison, whose Reith lectures begin on February 6; and it is not just because, being Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Communications at Oxford, she has predictably been dubbed Halder of the Charles of the Communications at Oxford, she has predictably been dubbed Communications at Oxford, she has predictably been dubbed "Holder of the Gotchal Chair of Page 3 Studies". Language changes do not worry her. If humpbacked whales can alter their songs every year, she argues, why should not we be just as flexible with words? She thinks that swearing can be socially beneficial and, less radically, that schoolchildren should be taught not to speak to babies and hus conductors in the same way. Professor John Wells, her interviewer, sometimes sounds slightly alarmed at her unorthodoxy.

Evening Concert. Classic FM. 8.00pm. Know the music, know the composer. The maxim holds good in most cases. It is regularly acknowledged by John Julius Norwich, whose Classic FM slot is one of the strengths of the station's evening output. Liassic FM stot is one of the strengths of the station's evening output. Tonight, Norwich has a rare chance to add a codicit to the maximix know the misic, know the person to whom it is dedicated. I hope that he works that he has chosen include Beethoven's Piano Trio Op 97, dedicated to the composer's friend and patron Rudolph, Archduke of Austria, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No.5, one of six commissioned by a nobleman who then proceeded to treat them most shabbily.

Peter Davalle

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sul Gambeccini. Schein tolle No 16 in Aminor); Liszt (Paraphrase on Verdi's Rigoletth); Puccini (O mio babbino caro, Glanni Schicci) Mozart (Violin Concerto No 2

in F) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Artist of the Musical Encounters, wan Chris de Souza. Artist of the Week: Philip Fowles, plano, plays Bites (Blass, A One-Step); Vaughan Weitarns (Valiant for Truth); Shortall (Fanfare for Those Who Will Not Return); Busoni (Chember Fantasy on Themes from Carmer); Blacher (Partita for strings and percussion); Alma Mahler (Phymne); Strubert (12 Valses nobles); 11.01 Alma Mahler (Ekstase); Tohaltovsky (The Tempest); Verdi (Ave Marie; Stabat Mater, Quatro pazzi soot); Protofiev (Plano Concerto No 1 in D flat) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Jerstück (Filkadie; The Curning Little Viten, Act 2 part 2)

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9.00 Cultural Baggage

Community. The history and significance of cultural phenomens (7/20)

9.20 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Denis Cohen performs Stravinsky (Suite, The Firebird): Takemitsu (Rain Coming); Lyell Cresswell (A Modern Ecstasy)

Modern Ecstasy)
10.45 Might Waves. Christopher
Cook presents reviews of Les
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Switzer, the Dallas coach, parades the Vince Lombardi Trophy while O'Donnell, right, reflects on what might have been Britain hockey squad to turn up heat for Atlanta



Whitaker: changes

THE Great Britain men's hockey team returned to London yesterday with Olympic hopes high after finishing third in the qualifying tournament in Barcelona. Since October, the team has gone 17 international matches unbeaten, including seven in the qualifying tournament. Britain might not have been the best team, but they were easily

That fitness will soon be put to the test again, despite the assertion by David Whitaker, the Britain coach, that "we shall have a month's rest and start all over again." The players will be back in action this weekend, with five Hockey Association Cup matches to be played on Saturday, followed by a full national league programme on Sunday.

tournament with eight goals, was second only to Taco van den Honert, of Holland, who scored 12. The system

Plans for dealing with high temperatures at the Olympics may prove critical, says Sydney Friskin

that permits a player to sit through a match and enter the field only to take Atlanta this summer, Britain were the short corners has its detractors. There is nothing anyone can do. however, as long as the rules permit each of the five substitutes on the bench

to come and go as they please. It is sour grapes on the part of those who have failed, or have not even tried to exploit the situation, as Britain have. in the months that lie ahead, adjustments to the team will probably be made if Russell Garcia and Julian Halls are restored to full fitness. Consideration will also have to be

given to Phillip McGuire, who has been out of action for several months with a back injury.

With Germany, India and Pakistan

happy to be placed in pool B when the draw was made on Sunday, where Holland. Australia and South Korea will be the main obstacles.

Nothing has been seen of South Korea on the international circuit of late, but they will be in Atlanta for a six-nation tournament in April. The other participating countries are Britain, India. Argentina, Pakistan and the United States. Britain have no record against South Korea, but England played and beat them 3-1 in the 1994 World Cup at Sydney.

By the time that the Games open, on July 20, the temperature in Atlanta, according to Alva Serrette, the

preparation. Matches will be played in the evenings, but humidity will still be high, much as expected in Atlanta. There are other commitments for Britain, including the four-nation tournament from June 13 to 16 at Milton Keynes, where they face Germany, Holland and Pakistan.

Hockey's offside rule will be scrapped for an experimental period of 12 months from August 5 in a move to make the game more attractive for international rules will also be brought in during August, covering changes at free hits, hit-ins and corners, and to the taking of long corners.



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English ladies would not disdain to wear." SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1. Rest Ques (i, ... Quité; 2. Rugs mane); 2. Nst winning the black queen.

No messing about with the sport of princes

lionaire becomes after A about five years in sailing. an activity never better described in its British context than as the equivalent of standing under a

shower tearing up £20 notes. Nothing daunted, those of us who go down to the sea in ships. only to find the ship's engine will not start, know ourselves to be part of a great tradition: heart of glassfibre are our ships, jolly longsuffering are our wives.

Given that hardly does yet another marina declare itself open before every berth is occupied by gleaming evidence that experience is no match for hope, television is miserly in its exploitation of this

island race and its love of the sea. So Classic Ships (Channel 4) would be a welcome series even if it was not much good. Happily it is much better than that and began last night with Britannia: not the beautiful Britannia that the foo-

tling nitwits who run our affairs now deem redundant, but the even more beautiful Britannia that was the first Royal Yacht, launched in

That Britannia, a seminal concept that still influences yachting. was a magnificent creature built for the Prince of Wales. He raced her with spectacular success until an encounter at Cowes which Monty Python would have been hard put to invent. The same race meeting was attended by the German Kaiser but you could easily tell the two apart: whereas the Kaiser spoke perfect English, the Prince of Wales had an almost

impenetrable German accent. The Kaiser insulted one of the Prince of Wales's mistresses (one of? Yes, but there were no tabloids then). The Prince went off in a huff, taking his Britannia with him. The boat was not raced again for

Which was a pity, for by then

people with even ghastlier accents than the Prince of Wales, known as Americans, were developing newfangled vachts made of steel and alloy. But the dye was cast and Britannia had cast it: the vessel launched a 40-year golden era of yachting and set light to a passion

for sailing. Of course not every Briton spends every spare moment smil-ing like an idiot at the matchless sound of a diesel engine ticking over as if Mozart had turned up on the quayside with a full orchestra. There are deluded souls who would rather spend their spare time trying to start the car.

The series Trade Secrets (BBC2) is part of a relatively recent trend in television which involves ten-minute programmes; that is to say, programmes run at their natural ength rather than dragged out to 40 minutes or an hour.





Peter Barnard

Last night's was to do with cars and featured a string of mechanics and even a couple of normal people giving little titbits of advice. To meet all eventualities one's car boot would need to contain a large brick, quantities of silver paper, several jubilee clips and an empty drinks can, but some tips involved no materials at all.

For example, if you happen to

and flatten the battery, did you know that if you switch off the lights and leave the car for 20 minutes it will probably start? Well there you are. And (topical section) if the door lock is frozen try heating up the key with a lighter or a match. If you don't have either, find a smoker: we are always delighted to meet someone who

The large brick? I knew you would ask. The brick is for removing wheel nuts. You place the wheelbrace over the nut and rest the handle of the brace on the brick. You stand on the centre section of the brace. Soon you will hear a gratifying crunch. If the wheel nut has not moved, your ankle is broken.

still needs us.

I particularly wanted to review Horizon: Nature's Numbers (BBC2) because it was a programme about the environment that promised not to mention the leave the lights on for a few hours ozone layer or global warming.

Instead it was about species: how fast are we wiping them out? Answer came there none. I trekked dutifully through the Amazon rainforest behind a party of biologists and the like. From time to time one of them plunged into the undergrowth and emerged

with a bat or a lizard or a frog

which they put in a bag. The consensus seemed to be that there is no consensus. Or rather, the consensus among field workers that we are wiping out species at a terrible rate is challenged by a consensus among statisticians that we are not. This does more for argument than it does for

That I wanted to challenge was the statement that species can be counted. What, all of them? The counters say that they can count every living thing in an area, reaching conclusions based on the Species/Area Curve, developed 30 years ago when two scientists counted all the species on a Florida mangrove island, then had them all wiped out by an American, a sort of oneman Rentokil, and then waited. All the species returned.

Next, they reduced the size of the island with a pair of shears (I may have invented the shears) and found that for every 50 per cent reduction in the land area, you reduce the species by 15 per cent.

How can they be sure? If you were a species that saw a pair of shears chomping in your direction, would you, er, stand up to be counted? What about the species that had gone away on holiday? And the ones that had gone to school inside a tree?

All of which is a convenient excuse not to worry about the environment until such time as all the loopholes are closed, a status which is several hundred Hori-

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ather (95382) 1.30 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (64868108) 1.50 Banacek (2143653)

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6.30 Regional News magazines (943) N.I.: 6.30 Neighbours 6.57 Inside Ulster News 7.00 Holiday Jill Dando in St Tropez; Carol Smillie and Kirsty Young on an Australian adventure; Lady Tebbit takes a trip to Tibertas in Israel with her wheelchair

(Ceefax) (s) (2301) 7.30 EastEnders. David agrees to pay for Blanca's wedding (Ceetax) (a) (127) 8.00 Great Ormand Street. With only sb beds in the unit, every day is a juggling act for the staff of the rheums department. (Cesfex) (a) (8721)

8.30 Next of Kin Maggie, Andrew and the children go on holiday but the only way they can afford to get to France is to go camping (Ceefax) (s) (7856) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Csefax), regional

news and weather (5856) 9.30 Men Behaving Bedly. Why has Deborah agreed to spend the night with Tony? (Ceelad) (s) (16617) WALES: 9.30 Week in Week Out (16617)

10,00 The X Files. Calcusari. FBI agents Mulder and Soully investigate paranormal. (Caefax) (s) (199905)

10.40 inside Story, Caroline's Baby Update. Since September 1994 Caroline ale has been a prisoner in New York, accused of murdering her newborn baby and trying to smuggle the body through JFK airport. The film follows the detence and prosecution lawyers and Caroline herself as they all prepare for court (Ceelax) (s) (914301) N.L.: 10.40 On Air 11.30 Inside Story 12.25am Film: Hound of the Baskervilles 1.50 Weather WALES: 10.40 Men Behaving Badly (736769) 11.05 Inside Story (519030) 12.00am FILM: A Chorus Line (978764) 1.55 News

and weather (2797986) 11.35 FILM: A Chorus Line (1985) Musical starring Michael Douglas. A group of hopefuls audition at a Broadway ineatre Attenborough (Ceelart) (s) (149568) 1.30am Weather (2778851)

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series starring Will Smith (s) (634769) 6.25 Hearthreak High. Drama series about an Australian Inner-city high school. (Ceelax) (s) (592160) 7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show. Cartoon

series featuring a testy chihushua and leline triand. (Ceetax) (s) (287295) Local Heroes: Northern Ireland (Ceefax) (3) (769) 8.00 Pound for Pound, The financial magazine looks at some schemes designed by travel companies to tempt

you to buy their unsold holidays. (6363) 8.30 Food and Drink, Michael Barry prepares a pasta margherita, Jilly Goolden tastes instant soups and Josceline Dimbleby Belmont Abbey. (Ceefax) (s) (5498)

9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely
Lads? Classic comedy with Rodney Bewee and James Bolam (r). (Cetta



9.30 The House: Foot Fault (Ceefax) (s) (159127) 10.20 Several Careful Owners.
The history of a Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow from a London showroom to the hard standing of an HGV driver's council house. (Ceetax) (s) (385837)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show. American comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (644740) 11.40 Seinfeld. The first of a two-part comed

Darcey Busself in Washington (9.30pm)

10.30 Newsnight, (Ceetax) (706479)

story featuring Jerry's father. (Ceefax) ((263059). Followed by Weather 12.05am The Midnight Hour with Lesley Riddoch. Political chat show (s)

12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

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Local Heroes

BBC2, 7.30pm Northern Ireland, no less than the rest of the United Kingdom, has its quota of inventors and you can trust Adam Hart-Davis to smoke them out. As usual with this diverting series, it is not the stories themselves but the way Hart-Davis tells them. Every aspiring Mastermind contestant knows that John Boyd Dunlop invented the pneumatic tyre. But the why and the how is not such general knowledge. Hart-Davis tells us exactly why and demonstrates how. He also salutes the and demonstrates now. He also satures the designer of the Ulster overcoat and shows how Thomas Romney Robinson proved that Armagh was nearly 50 cms further west of Dublin than anyone had thought. With Harry Ferguson, who invented nothing, Hart-Davis is cheating a bit. He presumably left that the tale of Ferguson and his tractor. felt that the tale of Ferguson and his tractor

The Decision: A Mixed Blessing Channel 4, 9.00pm

Julie Cope, who is expecting a baby, has a blood test. It reveals a one in 130 chance that the child will have Down's syndrome. Although the odds against may seem overwhelming, in medical terms this is a more than average risk. Cope's next option is amniocentesis, a test that will definitely tell
her the fate of her baby. But it could cause
her to miscarry. In relating the stories of the
Copes, and other couples facing the same
dilemma, the film reveals the paradox that giving patients greater information and choice can actually increase their anxiety. And the limits of medical knowledge are cruelly underlined by the case of a woman who gave birth to a Down's syndrome baby after the blood test showed that she was virtually in the clear. Understandably, her anxieties are even greater when she becomes pregnant for a second time.

The House: Foot Fault BBC2, 9.30pm

After two explosive episodes, the series on Covent Garden starts to calm down it even manages to present the place in a favourable manages to present the place in a favourable light. The Royal Ballet travels to Washington for a high profile premiere in front of President Clinton and Princess Margaret. Despite first-night apprehensions, nothing seriously goes wrong. Baroness Blackstone, who in last week's programme accused Jeremy Isaacs and his management team of appailing incompetence, is all hugs and kisses. But this harmony is not destined to last. Issues brings in Mike Morris, a new personnel director, to sort out labour practices which have seemingly been untouched by a decade of Mrs Thatcher. Isaacs says the stage crews have so much time off they can run fish and chip shops on

Several Careful Owners BBC2, 10.20pm

The feel-good factor is certainly absent when you can buy a secondhand Rolls-Royce for less than £9,000, even if it is 20 years old. Not that Ray Burdett is complaining. He has wanted a Roller all his life and after saving up for 30 years the blue Silver Shadow stands gleaming in his drive. That Burdett is a lorry driver who lives on a council estate adds spice to an entertaining little film, based on the simple but effective formula of The Shadow remained longest in the hands of a Dr Vittadini, whose horse Grundy won the Derby in the mid-1970s. A less enchanted owner was another lorry driver. He bought the car with his redundancy money, discovered it would not fit into his garage and sold it when he was charged £500 for a

HTV 6.00em GMTV (2377924) 9.25 Win, Loss or Draw (s) (4820818)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6796160) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1577856) 10.35 This Morning(57718566)

12-20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6852905) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (6166127) 12.55 Shortland Street (a) (614818) 1.20 High Road (Teleted) 2.20 Chain Letters (Teleted) (s) (18569011) 2.50 Vanessa (Teleted) (s) (4003837) 3.20 News (Teleted) (2748011)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (2747382) 3.30 The Magic House (s) (2578769) 3.40 Tots TV (s) (7152092) 3.50 Budgle the Little Helicopter (s) (2572585) 4.05 Tiny Toort Adventures (s) (5947721) 4.30 Cone Zone (r) (Teletad) (s) (566 5.00 Animeniace (r) (Teletad) (4942) 27

5.10 Animal Country (6826092) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (425547) 5.00 Home and Away. Dodge escapes yet again, Damlan decides to enter the priesthood and the feud escaletas (r)

(Teletext) (s) (289) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (951) 7.00 Emmerdale. Frank sets a trap for Kim Jan finds out what Dave's been up to and

Scott's dangerous hobby backlines (Teletext) (a) (4769) 7.30 West Eye View. Have passengers benefited from deregulating the buses?



Andrew Paul on the best (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. Quinnan makes house-to-house inquries after a hit-and-run accident (Teletext) (2419) 8,30 Outside Edge. Comic chaos ensues

when Roger insists everyone follow him in a car convoy to a fixture in the country

(Teletted) (a) (2924)

9.00 FILM: Consenting Adults (1992) starting Kevin Kine, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantorio, Rebecca Miller and Kevin Spacey. A suburban couple's lives are turned upside down when they try to per up their dull lives by wife-swapping Directed by Alan J. Pacula Continue after the news. (Teletext) (s) (8295) 10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (907721) 10.40 Consenting Adults (continues and concludes) (Teletard) (a) (916769) 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H (45547)

12.30 FILM: B.L. Stryker — Winner Takes Ali (1990) starring Burt Reynolds. Stryker becomes the target of a ruthless crime lord. Directed by Alan J. Levi (s) (678054) 2.15em Late & Loud (6580238) 3.10 The Chart Show (3143122) 4.05 Football Extra (r) (7247509) 4.45 Music Box Profile (97883870)5.00 On The Road To The Islands (40493)

5.30 Morning News (68702)

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HTV WALES As HTV WEST except

5.10pm-5.40 On the Road with Eline

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (889108) 7,30-8.00 Knowing My Place (295)

As HTV West except 12.25-12.30 My Story (6860624)

12.55 Chain Letters (6141818) 1.25 Emmerdele (32598383) 1.55-2.25 Home and Away (76623363) 2.25 Vanessa (18568382)-2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1237059)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6626092) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live presented by David Foster and Allson Johns (83450) 7.30-8.00 The Middle Ages (295)

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6626092) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (295)

11.35 Film: Puppet on a Chain (418108) 1.25am Late & Loud (2939996 2.25 Hotel Babylon (7071509) 3.00 Punny Business (48537509) 3,25 Football Extra (4647948) 4.05 Jobfinder (4796764) 5.20 Asian Eye (3372764)

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6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefspresented by Kevin 7.30-8.00 24 Hours (295) 5.00am Freescreen (40493)

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (89721) 9.00 Fifteen to One (65566) 9.30 law! (18635) 9.30 Schools (1380276) 9.50 law! (1393740) 10.10 Maths Everywhere (7983856) 10.25 lechyd A (7962363) 10.45 Quest (1592189) 11.00 Science in Focus (4529081) 11.20 Stage One (8281837) 11.35 Film and Video Showcase (4428498) 11.45 First Edition (5967363) 12.00 (428498) 11.45 First Edition (5967363) 12.00 House to House (78030) 12.30 Earthworm Jm (16671) 1.00 Slot Meltinin: ABC (88092) 1.30 Time Team: Teignmouth (72547) 2.30 Screaming Reals (672) 3.00 Love in the Afternoon (1117) 4.00 Backdate (924) 4.30 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (108) 5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (2547) 5.30 Countdown (160) 6.00 Newyddion (985027) 6.15 Heno (521872) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (909905) 7.25 Dudley (167818) 8.00 Pacio (1090) 6.30 Newyddion (7586) 9.00 O Fisen Dy Lygaid (6837) 10.00 Brookside (86059) 10.30 Cutting Edge: Whistleblowers (31943) 11.30 Rising Demp (77496) 12.00cm The Decision: A Mixed Blessing (65815)

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6.35am Think Tank (r) (Teletext) (s) 7,00 The Big Breeklast (85905)

9.00 Fifteen to One (1) (Teleted) (s) (65566) 9,30 Schools Eurekel (3961276) 9.45 Stop Look Listen (39905) 10.00 Forways Farm (38467) 10.10 Maths Everywhere (7983856) 10.25 How We Used to Live (7962763) 10.45 Guest (1592187) 11.00 Science in Focus 4629081) 11.20 Stage One (8281837) 11.35 Film and Video (5967363) (s)

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1,55 The Pharmacist (b/w) W. C. Fields short (64863653)

2.15 Fil.M: Wabash Avenue (1950). Showgirl Belty Grable is lusted after by rival commen Victor Mature and Phil Harris. Directed by Henry Koster (Teletext) (658092)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (924) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (108) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (Teletext) (s) (9046924) 5.50 Terrytoons (369943) 6.00 The Avengers. Steed and Mrs Peel have

to try to stop an assassin bent on placing a bornto on the Prime Minister's private 7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext) 7.55 The Slot (Teletext) (257214)

8.00 Ride On. Alain de Cadenet rides a bicycle in London's rush-hour traffic. Muriel Gray investigates whether electric-powered cars in France are going to solve the pollution problem (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Brookside, Jimmy is adversely affected by cough medicine (Teletext) (s) (7586)



Test for a mother-to-be (9,00pm)

The Decision (Teletext) (s) (6837) 10.00 FILM: Second Serve (1985) starring Vanessa Radgrave and Martin Balsam. The true story of a professional tennis player who had to fight the American tennis authorities for the right to compete as a woman after undergoing a sex change. Directed by Anthony Page (Teletext) (850837)

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11.45 Nurses Hank takes his beby to the hospital's tamily day without teiling Gina (Teletext) (a) (862818)

12.15am Football Italia — Mezzanotte (894580) 1.15 Next Stop Hollywood (r) (66948)

1.46 FILM: Sagebrush Trail (1934, b/w) Western starring John Wayne. A man imprisoned for a murder he did not commit is determined to clear his name. Directed by Armand Schaeler (899035) 2.45 The Dispossessed. The first of a four-part series concentrates on Malawi

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7.00em Bolled Egg (92081) 8.90 Press Your Luck (94092) 9.00 Court TV (18972) 9.30 Oprah Wintrey (80189) 10.30 Concentration (14856) 11.00 Salty Jessy Raphael (37392) 12.00 Jeopandy (84568) 12.30pm Murphy Brown (33479) 1.00 The Wattons (21634) 2.00 Geratido 3.00 Court TV (9568) 3.30 Oprah Wintrey (2603479) 4.15 Unclun (4389634) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (4160) 6.00 The Simpsone (8479) 6.30 Jeopandyl (2059) 7.00 LAPD Generation (4160) 6.00 The Simpsons (8479) 6.30 Jeopardyl (2059) 7.00 LAPD (2189) 7.30 M°A°S°H (1943) 8.00 Nowhere (2169) 7-30 M A - 5 TH (1943) 8,000 Nowhere Man (88189) 9.00 Chaopo Hope (71653) 10,00 Tho Next Generation (74740) 11,00 Law and Order (25547) 12,00 Dawd Letterman (6771783) 12,45em Tho Un-touchables (6055986) 1,30 Size (74581) 2,00 Hr Mai (6270290) SKY NEWS

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SKY SPORTS 7.00mm Sky Sports Centre (85943) 7.20

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SKY TRAVEL 11.00em Globetroner (4156924) 11.30 Trailsade (4157653) 12.00 On Top of the

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm The Most Decorated (4147275) \$.00 Conquest of Everest 1953 (9652276) 6.00-7.00 Biography Ponce De Leon

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UK GOLD 7.00mm Angels (8674479) 7.30 Neighbours (8688214) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (8137479) 8.30 EastEnders (6129450) 9.00 The Bill (\$14303) 9.30 The Sulkeria (7590382) 10.00 Howards' Way (\$625498) 11.00 Julier Smar (\$662634) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (\$130565) 12.30pm Neigh-boars (7501498) 1,00 EastEnders (\$301498) 1.30 The Bill (\$500769) 2.00 The

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(7990276) 11,00-12.00 The Brogunous Zone (6145189) **FAMILY CHANNEL**

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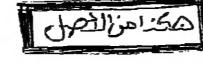
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News on the hour.



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TUESDAY JANUARY 30 1996

BBC and ITV split European championship

BY JOHN GOODBOOY

ENGLAND versus Scotland, the most eagerly awaited match of the European football championship and the oldest international fixture in the world, will be shown exclusively by BBC on June 15.

As the public debate about Sky's increasing domination of leading events continues, BBC and ITV will be showing live all 31 matches in the quadrennial tournament, the biggest sporting occasion to take place in Great Britain since the 1966 World Cup.

The European Broadcasting Union has paid a record £44

panies are expected to spend a total of £10 million between them for their share of the rights and the costs as joint-host broadcasters. Sky will have only news access to the competition.

After BBC and ITV had negotiated to split the matches, the commercial channel secured both England and Scotland's final group games, which will decide whether they reach the quarterfinals. On June 18, England play Holland and Scotland meet Swit-

ITV will also show both home countries opening games, England

For the quarter-finals, BBC will have the first and third choice of the four games and ITV will get the second and fourth. The agreement by the two channels not to duolicate coverage will last at least until the semi-finals.

If either of the home countries reaches the last four, then both channels will want to show the games live. However, if both England and Scotland have already been knocked out, then the allocation of the two semi-finals will be settled on the toss of a coin.

Should England be playing in the final, then the record audience for a sports broadcast in Britain. could be broken. This is 25.21 million for the World Cup semifinal in 1990, when West Germany beat England on penalties, with 16.69 million people watching on BBC and 8.52 million on ITV.

Brian Barwick, the head of production for BBC TV sport, said vesterday that he was confident that the England-Scotland game would attract an audience of nearly 17 million. "With the first choice of the semi-finals, we fully expect to be following the home nations as the competition mounts into its exciting knockout phase," he said. He

would also get the first look in the tournament at Germany, one of the favourites, and Denmark, the surprise winners in 1992.

Jeff Farmer, ITV's head of football, said: "We have negotiated a sensible arrangement with the BBC and I am delighted with ITV's package. We will kick off with the razzmatazz of the opening ceremony and England's vital first game, followed by Scotland's opener against Holland, the group favourites. We have then got exclusive live coverage of the two games which will probably decide if England and Scotland stay in the

Desmond Lynam, Gary Lineker, Trever Brooking, Jimmy Hill and David Pleat, plus a commentary and reporting team headed by John Motson and Barry Davies. ITV has still to announce its team.

With 16 countries participating for the first time in the 36-year history of the event, more than 5,000 media personnel will cover Euro 96. The event will be televised by 130 countries across the world. Financially, the competition is already more profitable than the previous record for any British sports event - the 1994 and 1995

Wimbledon championships, both of which made £27.9 million.

were sold for £44 million while the primary sponsorship and television rights for the rest of the world went for £24.4 million. Ticket sales already exceed 500,000 in Britain alone, bringing in £14 million. The sale of seats at Wembley for England's group games is now "approaching" the allocation for the host country.

The FA. which is running the tournament for Uefa, will spend £15 million on staging the competi-tion and, provided the stadiums are, on average, 80 per cent full, it too will begin to make a profit.

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FA prepares to discuss England offer to Robson

BY DAVID MADDOCK AND LOUISE TAYLOR

THE name of Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, will carry a familiar ring around the corridors of Lancaster Gate by the end of what promises to be a momentous week in his career.

Yesterday, Robson was found guilty of the first disrepute charge that he has faced in a 22-year professional career. Today, his name will be taken in a different vein his will be prominent among those discussed by the men invested with the task of appointing a successor to Terry Venables, the England-

After a meeting of the 15-man Football Association international committee, a sub-committee comprising five of the FA's great and good will hear a representation by Jimmy Armfield, their adviser, and sift through the serious candidates for the position that will become vacant after the European championship finals in June. By the end of the afternoon, the sub-com-mittee, led by Sir Bert FA, will have arrived upon the started by Venables. Robson is a strong favourite.

He is unlikely, however, to be unveiled as the next England coach by this evening. The sub-committee will decide upon its man - whoever he may be - and then attempt to persuade him to accept its offer. With so many of the leading candidates insisting that they are not interested, it

Whatever the outcome, Robson will no doubt prefer the Lancaster Gate to those of to hear that he had been found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute and fined £750

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Branco: dual purpose

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after an incident after Middlesbrough's fixture at Blackburn on December 16.

A spokesman for the FA revealed that the offence came when Robson hurled unsavoury comments at Paul Danson, the match referee, in the tunnel after the match. Neil Cox and Nigel Pearson. Middlesbrough players, were also found guilty of making abusive remarks to the official and were fined £500 apiece.

Robson was incensed after the referee had dismissed Derek Whyte, the Middlesbrough centre half, for his second bookable offence in the closing stages of the match.

Manchester United are to appeal against a £20,000 fine by the FA for an illegal approach to David Brown, the Oldham Athletic associated schoolboy forward. Two weeks ago, United were found guilty of the same offence involving Matthew Wicks, of Arsenal, but escaped punishment when the son of the former Chelsea defender, Steve, returned to Highbury. pay the hearing costs and signature could eventually cost up to £100.000.

Robson, in his Middlesbrough role, yesterday se-cured the services of Branco, the Brazil defender. Robson sees his new signing serving a dual purpose, occupying the left back position that has proved a weak link in his side all season and acting as a soulmate for Juninho, who is taking time settling on-

Branco, a World Cup winner with Brazil two years ago. has played in three World Cups, losing his international place only to Roberto Carlos, of Internazionale, in the past two seasons. Ironically, Robson spent last weekend in Milan attempting to sign Carlos, but had a £6.3 million offer rejected by the Italian

Branco, 31, will arrive on a

free transfer — although his wages are likely to be exorbitant — having bought his own contract after recently leaving Internacional, of Porto Alegre, in Brazil. A holder of 70 international caps, Branco full name Claudio Ibrahim Vaz — has also played for Genoa and Brescia in Italy, FC Porto in Portugal and Fluminense of Brazil. He agreed to join Robson after declining overtures from the Major Soccer League in the



Bedford sits in front of the Cutty Sark at Greenwich, past which the London Marathon competitors will run during the race in April

Marathon man urges caution

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DAVID BEDFORD, the elite race director of the Flora London Marathon, yesterday urged Great Britain's Olympic marathon selectors to exercise caution this weekend when they meet to discuss the team for Atlanta. Bedford believes that only Peter Whitehead, fourth at the world championships last year, should be picked now and that the selectors should wait until after the spring marathons — notably in London and Boston - before deciding who should fill the

Bedford is also confident endurance squad will be in operation by May, helped by London Marathon money. Britain's distance runners, lacking any substantial funding, struggle against other European countries, that are paying their athletes and pro-viding training support.

It is more by individual dedication than any struc-tured back-up from the Brit-ish Athletic Federation (BAF) that Britain has an Olympic selection dilemma based on nine athletes qualified and only six places available — three each for men and women — but without a man under 2hr 10min or a woman under 2hr 30min. "A large number of British runners are going to do spring marathons and it would be nonsense to

select prior to those mara-thous," Bedford said. The Flora London Marathon is the British championships and, if the selectors intend that to have any status, it would make sense to wait. The one thing they would not want is for people to have good runs in spring mara-thons and then have to leave them out of the Olympics." The selectors have given no

indication how many athletes

they may pick when they gather this weekend. Bedford said that £100,000 would be needed annually for an endurance squad "to have some impact". He added: "The London Marathon is working with BAF to come up with funding." The mara-thon's ability to contribute has been belped by its new sponsor. Flora's marathon budget is £6 million in its first year of a

three-year agreement, more than provided by any previous sponsor.

Although names for the race on April 21 will not be announced until next month, Bedford said that the elite field this year would be "of a higher international quality

than ever before. For the first time, the elite runners will have a transponder fitted to a shoelace, enabling faster and more detailed timing information to be relayed during the race.

looks good for the start of Super League."

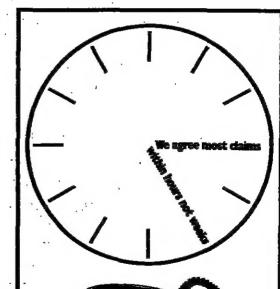
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West Hull happy with cup draw

BY CHRISTOPHER LIVINE

WEST Hull, the first amateur rugby league side in 99 years to reach the last 16 of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, are justified in thinking that their odyssey might yet continue. Wakefield Trinity, albeit fivetimes winners, or Carlisle are not opposition to make the Conference team tremble.

After embarrassing York 10-6 at The Boulevard last Friday — Chorley were their first professional scalps in the previous round -- Eddie Bennett, the West Hull coach, was optimistic about making fur-ther progress. "Wakefield certainly have not done too well recently; we're at home -

The fifth-round draw, made last night handed Wigan, the holders since 1988, an awkward task away to Salford, the first division champions, for whom Andy Gregory, the coach, will be hoping to up-stage his former club. In a draw congested by 12 fourthround postponements, Leeds. provided that they win at Swinton on Sunday, have an

all-Super League clash at ei-

ther Oldham or Warrington. The new Paris club yesterday announced a squad of 26 for the Super League, which includes virtually the entire France national side, six Australians, a New Zealander, a Pole and a Moldovan. Training starts in earnest next week and the club's opening game

FIFTH ROUBID: Hall ISR or Leigh v Bradford or Balley; Selford v Wilger; Deverbury or London v Workington or Wildner; Rochdele or Thallo Vicarin v Castilitard or St. Helenic Whiteleven or Hallica v Shelfield; Olchium or Wennigton v Swinton or Leods; West Hall v Carliste or Welcheld; Hall or hunelet v Keighley or Barnow. Ties to be played on Felb 10 or 11

at Charlety Stadium, against

Sheffield, is less than nine weeks away. Tas Baitieri, the Paris chief

executive_has refuted suggestions that his team is not sufficiently prepared for the task ahead. "It is an extremely strong squad and we are delighted that so many top French stars have decided to join us," he said. "It certainly

devoid of obvious star quality but which is not short on players. Among them, Patrick Entat, the captain, Daniel Divet and Frederic Banquet have all played in Britain.

Leeds's quest for a scrum half suffered a renewed setback yesterday with a failed attempt to sign Jason Ferris, of Canberra, although the announcement, today, of a ground-sharing arrangement at Headingley with Leeds rugby union club could extend to a sharing of players.